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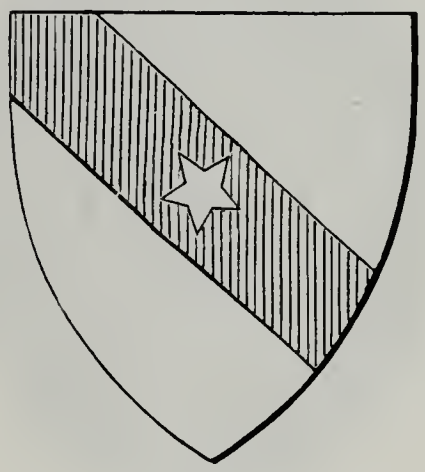

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SIR PATRICK WAUS

OF BARNBARROCH, KNIGHT

PARSON OF WIGTOWN; FIRST ALMONER TO THE QUEEN; SENATOR OF THE COLLEGE OF JUSTICE; LORD OF COUNCIL, AND AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK

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Letter from Mr JOHN SHARPE[1] to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH 29th September 1584.

My lord, efter maist hartlie recommendation, I ressavit your l letter fra the berar, and geve your l hartlie thankis for your panis takin In the executioun of my inhibition. I pray your l do the lyk diligence In executioun of my summondis of spulzie and removing. I wuld glaidlie your l sould send vnto me with the nixt sure berer the Inhibition, with sum gude Information of the quantete of the teyndis of this last crope, that I may haive ane vther summondis execute thairvpone befor the feist of martymes nixttocum. I wald glaidlie mak ane travell of all, for I think my selff very unthankfullie handillit be thame quha sould acknawlege me better. Dauid[2] has your summondis directit according to your Informatioun, and I have helpit that it mycht be relevantlie libellit. The sowmes ar greit quhilkis ye haiff to craiff, And thairfor I take the gretair cair that the summondis mycht be weill In order. The particularis quhilkis your l committit to the beraris credit wer nocht mony; I remitt the anser thairof to himselff, for he knawis quhat anser to giff In ony thing that your l commandit him to speke vnto me. The pest is in diuerss partis of fyff and In perthe. The kingis maiestie removit vpone the fear thairof from ruthuen to streveling.[3] The parliament wes contenewit first to the xx day of september, thairefter to the xxviij day of the saym monethe, thairefter to the xxix day quhilk Is this Instant day, And this day Is contenewit to monday nixttocum,

[1] Mr John Sharpe was called to the bar 9th January 1541. He was Dean of Advocates in 1582.

[2] Mr David M'Gill was a lawyer in practice, and became King's Advocate. He was "son to umqle Mr James M'Gill, Clk. Regr," and he was called to the bar 20th December 1580.

[3] In Moysie's Memoirs (p. 51) is the following passage: "Vpon the xxiiij day of August (1584) the king past from Edinburgh to Falkland, and fra thence to Ruthuen, quhaire he remaining ten dayis or ever he knew there wes sex houssis infectit in Perthe, his seruandis being theare: and thairfoir with a few number the samyn nycht depairted to Tullibardin, and from that to Sterling, leavand his haill hovsald and seruandis encloisit in Ruthuen."

quhilk sall be the ferd day of october. The kingis maiestie menis to be present. The tutor of cassillis[1] hes na help of his freindis, and Is at very greit charges I am Informet for his libertie. I knaw nocht certanle quhat may succeid. we heir fra Ingland that our souerane lordis mother[2] is takin furthe of the handis ef the erle of schrewisberie, and delyverit to the keping of Ser raulff saidler. thair Is sum brute[3] of alteration In that court, Bot we haiff na certantie. Sua, haveing na forther occasion to writt for the present, after my hartlie commendation to your bedfallow, I committ you bayth to the protection of the everlesting. ffrom Edr. this xxix of September 1584.—Be your l at power to be commandit, Jo Schairpe.

To my Very gude Lord my lord of barnebarocht ane of the senatoris of our souerane lordis college of Justice.

Letter from Thomas M'Clelland of Bomby to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 6th October 1584.

My Loird efter maist hartlie commendatioun your (l) be rememberit. The last tyme that I spak wythe yow thair wes sum difference Betuixt your L and the laird of garleis, Quhilk difference was refarrit to the jugement of freyndis, And I to haif bene ourisman, and suld haif met At the ferry[4] the aucht day of thes Instant; Quhilk meitting I think nocht neidfull to me to keip, In respect I will nocht accept that burdthen upon me, And that, because I fand sa greit ane difficultie in yow baythe that I thocht hard to discurse. Quhilk I schew your

[1] Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean. He had been imprisoned in Blackness in May as suspected of being in the conspiracy to seize Stirling, with Angus, Mar, Glammis, and others, who had fled to England.

[2] Arran had been in power now for more than a year. Besides employing the most rigorous measures against the supporters of the Ruthven raid, he had restored to favour many of those who had been adherents of the queen's party, whose influence was felt to such an extent that the English agents had reported strongly on it to Queen Elizabeth and her ministers, believing that there was active communication between her and the court of her son. The natural consequence was a change in the place of her imprisonment, and of those who were responsible for her.

[3] Bruit, report.

[4] Over the Cree.

(l) at our departing—Praying your (l) to tak thes anser in ane gude part, ffor trewlie, gef my trawell mycht haif brocht this to ane gude succes, I wald haif left nathing wndone that lay in my power, as knawis god, Quhome mot preserve yow in gude helthe.

Off Kirkcubrycht thes saxt of October.—Youris gud frend at hes pouar, Bomby.

The Ry^{t} Hono^{ble} and his gude freynd
the Loird of Barnebarroche.

Letter from the EARL OF BOTHWELL[1] to Mr PATRICK WAUS, 23d October 1584.

Me Lord, forsamekle as we ar sumound to vnderly the law the tent of november nixtocum, for the slauchter of vmquhile Dauid Home; Thairfoir we will maist ernistlie craue your (l) presens the said day, accompaneit with your (l) freindis and servandis, to the defence of our lyves, quhilk we sall nocht spair to hasard for your l quhensoeuer the alyik occasioun salbe offerit; And that it will pleis your l to caus your folkis meit ws at Dalkeyth the nynt of the sam moneth be tuelf houres for accumpaneing of ws to the toun to the effect abouewrittin; quhairintill awaiting your (l) anser, our hairtlie commendatiounis being rememberit, we commit your l to the eternall. Frome Crichtoun this xxvi of october 1584.—be Your (l) assurid freind to oure vter power, Bothuell.

To the rycht Hono^{ll} Mr Patrik Vause off Barnbarrocht
ane of the senatouris of the College of iustice.

[1] This is by Francis, Earl of Bothwell. He was son of Sir John Stewart, Prior of Coldingham, natural son of King James V., by Jean, daughter of Patrick, Earl of Bothwell, by Agnes Sinclair, and nephew of James, Earl of Bothwell, who married Mary Queen of Scots. He was born in 1562; and in 1581 King James VI. created him Earl Bothwell, restored to him the forfeited estates, and made him Lord High Admiral of Scotland. In Fraser Tytler's History he says that Bothwell had killed David Home of Manderston, called "Davie the Deevil." A David Home, together with Lord Home and others, had to find caution in £10,000 on the 12th of December 1583, that they shall not "offer any kynd of injurie" to Francis, Earl Bothwell "unto the tent day of Maii nix to cum." And on the 19th February Lord Bothwell and others found caution also in £10,000 that he and his friends shall keep the peace to "Alex^{r}, Prior of Coldinghame, David Home of Crancshankis, and their friends, till the 10th of May next."

Marriage Contract between JANET WAUS and WILLIAM ADAIR, Jun., 25th October 1584.

[At this time Jonet (or Jane), Sir Patrick's third daughter by his first marriage, was married to William, second son of William Adair of Kinhilt, to whom she was related; Lady Helen Kennedy, daughter of Gilbert, second Earl of Cassillis, having married the Laird of Kinhilt. Their marriage contract here follows.]

At the Kirk of Glenluce the tuentie fyve day of October the yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir four yeiris, It is appointit, contractit, and finallie aggreit, betuix the honourabill parteis vndervrittin, To wit William Adair of Kinhilt elder, and Niniane Adair his sone and appeirand air, takand the burthing vpoun thaim for William Adair of Mulhill, secund sone to the said William Adair elder, on that ane parte, and Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarrach, knycht, takand the burthing vpoun him for Jonet Waus his laichfull and thrid dochter on the vther parte, in maner as efter followis; To wit the said William Adair of Mulhill sall god willing marie, and to wyf haiff, in face of hallikirk as vse is, the said Jonet, and sall solemnazat the band of matrimonie with hir betuix the dait heirof and the last day of November nixtocum; and the said William Adair elder, and Niniane his appeirand air, sall warrand the Infeftment alreddie gevin to the said William Adair of Mulhill of the saidis landis of Mulhill, and Kerymgiroch,[1] lyand within the parochin of Kirkmadein, in Rennis,[2] and sherefdome of Wigtoun; and als the said William Adair of Mulhill sall infeft the said Jonet, his futtir spous, the langest lewar of thame tua, in coniunct fie, and the airis maill lauchfullie to be gottin betuix thaim, quhilkis failzeing [etc., etc.], with speciall warandice to the said Jonet for hir lyftyme fra all wardis, relewis, non entris, and wtheris inconwenience quhatsumeuir. And siclyk the said William Adair elder, and Niniane Adair his appeirand air, bindis and oblissis thaim and thair airis to obtene heritabill Infeftment of few ferm of all and haill the fyve merkland of Altoun, with the pertinentis, lyand as

[1] Now Cairngarroch. [2] The Rhinns.

said is, to be haldin of our souerane lord the kingis maiestie, and his successouris, for the yeirlie payment contenit in the kingis maiestie rentall, with augmentatioun of sex schilling aucht pennies betuix the dait heirof, and the day of . And immediatlie thairefter the said Niniane oblissis him and his airis to infeft heritabillie the said William his brother and his forsaidis in all and haill the saidis fyve merkland of Altoun, with the pertinentis, to be haldin of him, and his airis, and successouris, for the yeirlie payment contenit in the said kingis rentall and agmentatioun, with agmentatioun mair of fourtie penneis, and with the bodillie seruice of the saidis Williame and his forsaidis airis alenerlie. [A clause of warrandice follows, and then the Adairs bind themselves formally] to Infeft the said Jonet in lyfrent in all and haill ane yeirlie annuellrent of saxtene bollis meill, and aucht bollis beir, mesour of Wigtoun, furt of the half of the said fyve merkland of Altoun, at the termis betuix youle[1] and candilmes, as vse is. ffor the quhilkis caussis the said Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarrach, knycht, bindis and oblissis him, his airis, executoris, and assigneys, to thankfullie content and pay to the saidis William Adair of Mulhill, in name of tochir with the said Jonet, the sowme of ane thowsand merkis gude and vsuall money of this realme, to be payit at the termes following; To wit fyve hundreth merkis to be payit betuix and the first day of Januar, the yeir of god J^{m} v^{c} fourscoir fyve yeiris, and the vther fyve hundreth merkis to be payit betuix the first day of Januar, the yeir of god J^{m} v^{c} fourscoir saxt yeris, in haill and compleit payment of ane thowsand merkis money forsaid. And incace the said William Adair of Mulhill to forsee ane ressonabill blok[2] of landis to his vtillitie and proffit, in that cace the said Sir Patrik and his forsaidis bindis him to furneis the saidis first fyve hundreth merkis at the sicht of the said Williame elder, vpoun the premonitioun of fourtie dayis warning, as the said William sall pleis charge. Provyding alwayis that the said haill siluer be laid vpoun land, and that the said Jonet salbe put in coniunct fie with hir said husband in the

[1] Yule. [2] Bargain.

saidis landis for hir lyftyme. And siclyke the said Niniane Adair bindis and oblissis him and his airis to infeft the said William Adair of Mulhill, and his futtir spous, and thair airis, in ane annuall rent of fourtie pundis money be yeir out of the landis of ,[1] ay and quhill he and his forsaidis pay to the saidis William Adair of Mulhill, and his forsaidis, the sowme of fyve hundreth merkis money vpoun reuersioun, as vse is, and conforme to the said contract betwixt said William Adair elder and Niniane Adair his appeirand air of the dait at Drummoir the yeir of god forsaid. And gif it happinis the saidis Jonet to leif, and remane on lyf, efter the said William hir futtir spous, in that cace scho sall ask nor crave na mair proffitt, dewtie, nor terce of the saidis Williamis landis efter his deceiss, but sall hald hir content of the Infeftmentis abone writtin. And giff it happinis the said William to haiff na airis maill, bot famell with the said Jonet, in that cace the said William oblissis his airis maill, succeiding to his landis and heritage, to pay to euerie dochter, beand of saxtene yeiris of aig, in name of tochir with euerie ane of thaim, the sowme of [1] hundreth merkis; becaus thai will succeid to na landis nor heritage, and siclyk the saidis William and Jonet sall ask nor craif na vther barnis part of geir efter the deceiss of hir father, or vmquhile mother,[2] bot the said tochir to be sufficient recompence for hir said barnis parte of geir in all tyme cuming. [Registration clause follows.] In vitnes heirof the saidis parteis hes subscryuit this contract with thair handis; day, yeir, and place forsaid, befoir thir witnessis, Johne Kennedy of Barquhonie, Dauid Ferguson, and Johne M^cMorran, messingeris, with vtheris diuers. (Sic subscribitur). Syr Patrik Waus of Barnbarroch, Knycht. William Adair of Mulhell. Wilyam Adair of Kenhelt.

[The following receipt for 600 merks, dated 23d October 1587, shows that the tocher was not forthcoming even then, but that 100 merks was to be paid by Kennedy of Barwhanny, and Sir Patrick was to grant a rent charge of 50 merks (10 per cent.) for the remaining 500. Ready money was scarce.]

[1] Blank in original.

[2] Sir Patrick's first wife.

Receipt by William Adair, Jun., 23d October 1587.

I Williame Adair of Ganoch grantis me to haiff ressauit fra the honorabill Schir Patrik Waus of Barbarroch the sowme of sex hundreth merkis money, of certane sowmes of money promisit to me be his lordschip in our contract of marraige as tochir with Jane Waus his dochtir, my spous, quhairof ane hundreth merkis money to be pait be John Kennedy of Barquhonny in his lordschipis name, and saising gewin to me and my said spous in ane annnale rent of fyftie merkis money, quhill his lordschip pay to ws and our airis fyve hundreth merkis, in the landis of Maitland,[1] lyand in the parochin of Wigtoun. And thairfor dischargis and exoneris the said Schir Patrik, his airis executouris and assignais, of the said sowme of sax hundreth merkis money promisit to ws in tochir, as said is, for me, my airis executouris and assignais, for euer. Be this my acquittance, gevin and subscriuit At Barbarroch the xxiij day of October, the yeir of God 1^{m} v^{c} Lxxx sevin yeris, Befoir John Kennedy of Barquhonny, M^{r} William M^{c}Gowyn commissar of Wigtoun, David Kennedy, and Thomas Waus, seruitouris to the said Schir Patrik, with wtheris diuers,

William Adair of
Gannok w^{t} my hand.

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 1st November 1584.

My lord, eftir my hartelie (commen)[2]dationis, ye sall wit I haif rasauit ane wretin frae the erle (of bothu)ell, schawing that hie is summoned to onder(lye th)e lawe for the slachter (of) vmquhile david hum the tent daye of this (moneth)e; for the quhilk hie des(yr)is me to accumpany him to the said daye, (accumpan)yit with my frindis and servandis, quhilk on nae waye I can refuiss. (Thairfoir) I will desyir yow as my speciall frind that ye wilbie redye (to ryd) with me to the foirsaid daye of lawe, accumpanyit with your frindis and (servandis). I intend to ryd out of mynygof on frydaye nixt, (and) I will

[1] Sir Patrick was designated of Maidland in 1560.

[2] Part of the paper is frayed away.

desyir yow to meit me bie ix houris befoir none, that we (may) ryd togather. this nocht dowting ye will do, suae to metin as saidis, I (comm)it yow to god. at quhitterne this sondaye the first of nouember 1584.—Your frind assurit, Garleis.

To the rycht hono^{ll}
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

[Neither the Earl of Bothwell or the Laird of Garlies seem to have thought there could be any objection to ask a judge to come at the head of as many armed friends and servants as he could bring, to attend and support a person, who was to stand his trial for homicide before his colleagues on the bench, or perhaps himself.]

Letter from Thomas, Tutor of Cassillis, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, May-November 1584.

Broder, eftir my richt hartlie commendationes, ye sall vnderstand that I am chairgeit, as also the tennentis of corsraguell, be the collector for ane gretar third out of the benefice of corsraguell nor the haill soume will extend to yeirlie, that we haif be the richt of our servis of the haill temporall landis. alwayis it is trew the lyk questioun araiss the tyme that my lord boyd wes collector. the tennentis wes chairgeit for thair dewtie to him, and siclik thay wer chairgeit be ye erle of Cassillis as takisman to pay thair dewtie to him, and the tennentis suspendit in respect of the dubill charge; And the parteis being baith summonit, the erle of cassillis wes decernit to haue the best richt be virtew of his tak; In the quhilk tak the haill benefice wes set to him for vij^{c} merkis, quhilk dewtie he wes ordanit to pay all haill to m^{r} george buchquhannane, than on lyif. In the quhilk respect that benefice wes decernit frie of ony fourt, and vpone this specell ressone, as ye will parsaive be the decreit, becaus my fader wes takisman to the haill benefice for the same sowme, and swa the samin culd not be estemit done in prejudice of the thrid, seing it wes lang done befoir the assumptioun of thridis. and now, in consideratioun of m^{r} george deceiss, we

wilbe content to pay the thrid of the dewtie contenit in our tak as the king will direct us. Alwyiss in the first we will require ane suspensioun; quhilk ye man hald hand to vpone thir ressonis; ffor it wald be the gretast inconvenient that euir my lord of Cassillis sustenit, gif he suld be alterit by[1] his tak. I will pray yow be sa guid to tak the paynis to convene yourself with m^r^ John scharp and my guid fader,[2] that ye may all thrie consult heirupon. fforder Johnne Kennedy hes declarit to me that ye ar desyrous to haue your goishalk fra robert stewart. ffor anser I understuid ye had bettir skill of ane halk nor swa, ffor the best halk that is can nocht be reddy to tak af hir blok afoir the last of this moneth. And sa sone as sho may thoill to be tursit[3] I sall send robert and hir baith to yow. fforder I dout nocht bot ye haif ressavit the lettres of culzeane fra m^r^ aley^r^ machane, or utherwyiss it apperis thair is sum plaig to follow on thame, that thay ar sa oft mintit to,[4] and can nocht be gottin ressauit. Haifing na forder occatioun for the present, Referring the rest to the experience of your ernestnes heirein. Comittis yow to god. Off blaknes,[5] this monunday.—Be youris assurit broder, Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To the richt hono^ll^ and my belouit broder
the laird of barnbaro^t^.

Letter from Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean to the Sheriff of Galloway, 1584.

Traist freind, eftir my hartlie commendationes, I ressauit your lettre, and consideris be the same that the laird of barnbarocht is ernest with yow for that hundreth pundis that he wes cautioner for. It is trew my seruandis hes ressauit ane part of it; alwyiss I sall releif yow at the laird of barnbarochtis handis howsone he cumis to ed^r^, and thairof ye salbe certane without langar delay. and as to the males, quhilkis he craveis out of the barony, as I persaue be thair lettre, he wilbe awand me twyiss alsmekle male out of glenluce, quhilk salbe allowit to

[1] By, contrary to. [2] Mr David M'Gill (see note, p. 305).
[3] Packed up. [4] Attempted. [5] See note, p. 306.

him, ane part of the ane for the vther. alwyiss nather ye nor the tennentis sall ressaue truble for ony of thir causis, Swa that howsone he cumis to ed^{r} ye salbe fred. Haveing na forder occasioun for the present, I commit yow in godis protectioun. Off blaknes this satirday Be youris assurit freind,

thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my richt traist friend
the Sereff off galloway.

Agreement between the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and JOHN WALLACE, husband of DAME STEWART LADY GARLIES, 5th November 1584.

At Barnbarroch and vigton the fyfth day of november the yeir of god i^{m} v^{c} Lxxx four yeiris It is aggreit betuix the honorabill Sir patrik waus of barnebarroch knicht on the ane part, and Johnne wallace of dundonald, the spous of Dame kathereine Stewart Ladie garleiss on the vther part, In maner following To wit That forsamekill as the said Dame kathereine Is restand awand be hir and hir said spous for his enteres of the fruitis of the priorie of quhitherne of the croppis of the yeir of god v^{c} Lxxxi and Lxxxii yeiris, Quhilk sho had in assedatioun of the prior of quhithern. In respect thairof the said Johnne wallace obleissis him to pay to the said Sir patrik, his airris, exe^{ris}, and assignayis, the sowme of ane thowsand pundis, vsual money of the realme; thairof fywe hundreth pundis money on the xv day of november Instant, and the vther fiwe hundreth pundis on the fyrst day of maij mixtocum; In parte of payment of the twa part thrid of the fruitis of the said priorie, havand respect to the ladeis takis, and commissioun gevin of the thriddis, gevin be my lord self, as the iuges to be appointit betuix baith the parteis in edinburgh sall burding the Ladie gairleiss And na forder; And for ending of the samyn baith the saidis parteis sall compeir in edinburgh the laste day of nouember instant, and thair Ilk ane of thame sall elect ane aduocat, and in thair presence baith the parteis sall compeir, and the said Johnne sall mak compt, rekning, and payment of the fruitis of the said

priorie, conforme to the tak and commissioun foirsaid. Baith the saidis parteis reassonis being hard be thame, Quha sall haue full power to decyde all differences, allocatt, and defalk quhilk salhappin to be in varience; At quhais determinatioun thay obleissis thame to abyde, and fulfill the samyn, and sall accept the samyn, and fulfill, as the decreit of Juges arbitrators. And compt and Rekning being maid, the said Johnne sall pay all superplus exceding the said thowsand pundis money to the said Sir patrik, and gif the compt beis of les number the samyn salbe allowit to the said Johnne in the croppe Lxxxiii yeire, or in the last termes payment as the Juges thinkis ressonabill. Attour the said Sir patrik sall mak sufficient richt to the said Johnne self to vplift the twa part of the fruitis of the said benefice of the croppe Lxxxiii yeiris presentlie, And siclyk of the thriddis, as the Juges sall find resso[ll],[1] and pay for the twa part ane thowsand merkis, and for the thriddis as the Juges sall decerne. Prowyding that the said Sir patrik sall (schaw[2]) all sowmes of money ressauit, gif he ony hes, of the fruitis of the said priorie of the croppis Lxxxi, Lxxxii and Lxxxiii; And the said Johnne obleissis him to gif na enteres or possessioun to the vplifting of the fruitis of the said priorie except to his awin seruandis and factoris of small degre. And than the said Sir patrik sall refer to the kingis grace how the said dame kathereine salbe vsit anent the possessioun of the said priorie, and the said Johnne In respect of his former tak during the yeiris to ryn thairof, Quha vpoun his onor sall beir guid will thairto, and sall releif the said dame kathereine and Johnne of the fruitis lxxxi yeiris, allegit to be ane Awne[3] at the handis of walter keir, W[me] Donaldsone, Henrie makeson, Alex[r] calbraith, and all to thair havand enteres thairto, sua far as the prior suld releif thairof. And at the first termes paymentis the said Sir patrik sall mak ane richt to the said Johnne to vplift the twa part of the said benefice for the payment contenit in the auld tak, and conforme thairto. In Witnes heirof Baith the saidis parteis hes subscriuit this present appoyntment. Day yeir and place foirsaid, Befoir thir witnesses, Thomas wallace, broodyr german to the said Johnne wallace and

[1] Ressonabill, reasonable. [2] Doubtful, perhaps allow. [3] A debt.

Mr Villame M'gowyne, commisser of vigton, vyth vtheris dyuerssis.

Sy^r patrik Waus off BArnbarrach
kny^t wyth my hand
Jhone Wallace of Dundonald.

Acquittance by THOMAS OTTERBURNE of Reidhall to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH and others, for £100 due by the late Hew Kennedy of Barwhanny, 27th November 1584.

I Thomas otterburne of reidhall be the tenor heirof grantis me to haif ressauit fra Johnne kennedy, tailyeour, burges of ed^r the soume of ane hindreth pundis gude and vsual money of this realme, pait and debursit be me for vmquhill hew kennedy of barquhanny to Jhonne liwiestoun of [1]; for quhilk soume of ane hundreth pundis the said Johnne kennedy became cautioner and suertie to me in the Towne buikis of Ed^r, and Johnne kennedy, bruther to Dauid kennedy of knokdaw, for his releif, togither with Mr patrick Vaus of barnbarroch. Off the quhilk soume of ane hundreth pundis money foirsaid I hald me weill content and pait, quietclames, exoneris, and discharges the saidis Johnne Kennedy, tailyeour, burges of ed^r, Jo^n kennedy bruther to the said Dauid, and Mr Patrick Vaus of barnbarrach, the airis exe^ris and assignaes of the said vmquhill hew, for now and euer. And for thair forder securitie am content and consentis that this my acquittance and discharge be insert and registrat in the town buikis of ed^r add perpetuam rei memoriam; and the foirsaid actis, quhairby they ar bund to me, to be deleit and na executioun to pas thairupoun; And to that effec makis constitutis and ordanis Mr Alex^r King and ilk ane of thame coniunctlie and seueralie my procuratoris in uberiore forma Promittens de Rato. In witness quhairof I haif subscriuit this my acquittance and discharge with my hand at ed^r the xxvii day of nouember, The yeir of god i^m v^c four scoir four yeris, befoir thir witnesses, Johnne Lauder, thomas Schurais, alex^r symsoun, Jo^n fairlie, with vtheriss diuerssis.

Ottorborne of Reidhall.

[1] Blank in original.

Letter from Sir John Edmonstone to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 29th November 1584.

Rycht hono[ll], eftir my very hairtlie commendationes; Pleis your l be rememberit that my suit in fauouris of alex[r] edmestoun, my kyninsman and servand, for the removing of Alex[r] Dauidsone fra his landis of the chairterhouss, quha hes prowin baithe the theif and the tratour to him and me, and lukit to hawe had ane decreit of removing by lambes[1] and lyand at the interloquiter sene syne, I will deser you effectuisle, as ever I may do you plessour, to stand his freind, and do wprycht justec for baithe, and furder ws to the samyn; for vpoun my credit he hes sittin this ix yeir, and payit nothing, bot done ws the ewill he cane; for I wald haue commit my self, war nocht I ame so strait handelit with my nichtbouris of Ingland, as the berar can schaw you: for I chairge you, as I salbe redy to yow or youris as ye haue occasioun to chairge, as knawis god, quha hold yow in his protectioun. Off Ednem[2] the xxix of november 1584. Be Youris assured freind to his power,

Jhone edmestoun
knycht.

To the Rycht hono[ll] and my traist freind the laird of barnbarroch ane of our soverane lordis counsell.

Letter from Lord Orkney to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 15th December 1584.

My lord, efter my verray hartlie commendationis, evir as the tyme giffis me oportuontie I man wryt to your lo continuallie, preissing your lo with panis; as for the present to mak your lo knawin how gilbert balfour, sumtyme of wastray, being addettit to me in the sowme of fyve thowsand merkis, or thairby, for the fermis, teyndis, maillis, and dewteis of the landis of wastray in orknay, haldin in few be him of the bischope of orknay, To the

[1] Lammas.

[2] Alexander Edmonstone, in Ednem, was witness to a bond by Sir John Edmonstone of that ilk on 14th February 1583-4.

quhilk maillis and dewiteis I am assignay; And thairffoir hes convenit archibald balfour sone to the said gilbert Befoir the commisser of orknay, And hes obtenit ane decreit thairon, vpoun the quhilk thair is ane precept of comprysing ordourlie deduceit one ane part of the Landis of wastray, And sauld to me for the said sowme. Nochttheless michael balfour, Laird of montquhany, pretending now titill to the saidis landis, alledgis the said archibald to be dischargeit be vertew of ane contract past betuix me and the said archibald, Or vtherwayis be ane discharge had of me, for the quhilkis I haue obleissit my self to the said laird of montquhany That incace your lo and the laird of barrinbarroch for my part, with tua vther lordis of the cessioun, to be choissin for the said Laird of montquhany, sall vpoun the sycht off the said contract or discharge verifie and apruif the samyn to be guid, And that thairby I am secludit fra that dett, In that cace to renunce all actioun and process that I haue led thairanent. Anent the quhilk I will desyre your lo, as ane for my part, to sycht the said contract and alledgit discharge. and thairefter with the remanent choissin thairvpoun to pronunce conforme to conscience. Thus far I will pane your lo, as lykwyss in the rest of my adois To be handillit, the quhilkis I remit to be declairit to your lo be the beraris credeit, ffor quhais sufficiencie I omitt to wryt langar letter, evir haueing your lo in his keiping the almichtie god. ffrome kirkwall this xv of december 1584.—Your lo guid freind to all powar,

Orknay.

To the Rycht honorable And my veray guid Lord Mr patrik wause Lord of our souerane lordis cessioun.

Letter from the King to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 4th January 1584-5.

Trusty and weilbelovit Counsallour, We greit yow hertlie weill. We haif send our directioun to Mr Peter Watsoun persoun of flisk for the boundis of the diocy of Galloway, according to the ordour and resolution taken be us with auise of

the Lordis of our secreit Counsell vpoun the secund day of Januar instant, And hes willit him, gif neid sall require, to crave and require your assistance, fortificatioun, and mantenance in all thing that may mak god, ws, and our Lawes to be obeyit, And our cuntrie retenit in guid quietnes, and gude order. Quhairfoir we desire yow effectuuslie to shaw your effectuall guidwill and promptitude to the furtherance and accomplishing of this mater, tending to mak us certane quha wilbe obedient to ws, as ye will declare the continewance of your guid affectioun to the avancement and suirtie of our estait, and do ws maist thankfull pleser. Thus we commit you in the protectioun of Almichtie God. At Halyruidhous the fourt day of Januar 1584, James R.

To our trusty and weilbelovit Counsallour
the Lard of barnbarrauch ane of the
Senatouris of our college of Justice.

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Gelston to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th January 1584-5.

Me (L), eftir maist hairtlie commendationis, this present Is to schaw your (L) that I haue resaivit ane wryting fra the laird of garleis this xii day at ewin, willing me to meit him at the kirk of sorbie, nocht qwalefeand na causs, bot for sic occasions as he sall schaw me at our meting; quhairof I wald your (L) take na ewill oppynone In me, for gif the lard hes ony occations aganes your (L), I will nocht associat with him, bot gif It be to be ane medyator to schaw concord amangis yow; quhairof I thocht gude to aduertis your (l), and nocht ellis to our meting, bot committis your (L) to god. of reueson this xii of Januarij.—
Youris (L) assurit gude frend, William M^cleland
of gelstoun.

To the rycht honorable me lord of
barnbaracht this be delywerit.

[The preceding letter refers to some difference with the Laird of Garlies, which may have been that on the 23d September

previous. It is therefore inserted here. The next letter is by the same writer, but there is no clue to the date.]

Letter from William M'Clelland of Gelston to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

My Lord, efftir my hartle commendation, fforsameikill as I causit speik yow for my serwandis teindis, as ye knaw, and now dawid kenedie is to pund thaim for mair nor ewir thay war in vss[1] of, quhilk I beliue is nocht yowr lordschippis comand, in respect of yowr lordschip promis maid wnto me, and for the lard of bomby,[2] as ye knaw: and albeit thair war na promeis, I dout nocht that ye wald bring the lard of garleis in ony vss[1] by[3] the ald vs,[1] and for ye heirtell he seikis mony vncustomis on me, mair nor I haw bein in vss[1] of, quhilk I hop in god sall nocht be as lang as I haw god and gud ffreindis to do for me. sua I dout nocht bot ye will causs dawid to seik bot the ald vss,[1] as I sall causs him to be payit, for he knawis my men payit him qhen nain vther wald pay him. nocht trubling yowr with farder, bot comitis yow to god.—Be yowris assurit frend to my pover, William m^c^cleland of gelston.

To the rycht hono^ll^ Lord my Lord
of barnbarroch give this.

Letter from Malcolm Fleming to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 16th January 1584-5.

My Lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun and servyce, I haif resaiveit the menyng of your Lordschipis letter, quhair my Lady argyll meneis to sell thae landis of quhitherne. my Lord, ye sall vnderstand I haif na dout bot my Lady quhill keip hir promeis vnto me; nochtwithstanding I thank your Lordschip of your guidwill towardis me, as ane servand, and ay salbe. my Lord, ye sall appardoun me that I spak with yow at your being in this cunthrie, my greit disceis was the causs of the same, Thairfoir my Lord, gif god pleiss, I salbe at your (l) schortlie

[1] Use, custom. [2] Thomas M'Clelland. [3] Besides, different from.

till end my besines at your (l) awyce. nocht trubill your (L) with forder Letter quhill that my meitting, commetting your Lordschip to the protectioun of god. of quhitherne the xvi day of Januar.—Be your (L) serwand at power, Malcolm flemyng.

To the honorabill and his maist speciell
freind my Lord of barinbarroch.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 26th February 1584-5.

Broder, eftir my maist hartlie commendationnis, forsamekill ye sall ressaue fra this berar thre hundreth merkis, and deliver to the laird of blairquhen, and ressaue fra him ane tak of pultadoye Induring the tyme of my office of tutorie to Johne Kennedy in chapell for four poundis of maill allanerlie; as alsuaye sall ressaue ane discharge to be registrat; in respect that the decreit Arbitrall is registrat, and the sowmis of money payit, I haue directit this berar to ressaue the tak befoir he deliuer the money. ffarder I pray yow upone Monnonday nixt to sie ane end putt to this mater betuix the abbot of saulsett and my lord crowner, and to eschew probation, giff itt may in ony sort; And lykwyiss the mater betuix me and gawin dunbar, that ye will bring it in, and hald hand to it that I gett Justice, for thay are the twa cheif caussis that will cum in handling now in my absence, and that I wald wes best donne. As anent the ornamentis of Crosraguell, I gaif m^r^ Johne sharpe perfyte informatioun thereanent befoir my cumming out of edinburcht, And I gaif command to Johnne the provest to raiss the crowneris gift out of the buik, that M^r^ Johne may defend be the same; And sua we sall haive the tryell befoir we pay for it, whether it be guid or nocht, whereunto ye will have attendence, and remember Johne upone it. Haifing na farder occasionn at this present, eftir my hartlie commendatioun to my sister your bedfallow, I commit yow in godis protectioun. Off maybole ye xxvj day of februar 1584.—Be Your L assurit broder, Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my weilbelowit brodir the laird of Barnbarrach.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 1584-5.

My Lord, efter my wary hartlie commendatioun, this present is to declair your (l) that the Laird of Lochinwar hes wrytin to me that my Lady Murray is of mynd to dispone the few of the landis of quhithorne, and willit me to ryde out with him for greing for my four markland of lytill outoun, and your (L) knawis the waluritie[1] thairof; it is of lytill waill, bot it is kyndly come. I will hartlie requeist your (l) to get hir (l) letter or promeis that scho dispone nocht the sam by[2] me, gife ony wald schaw thame selfis sic unfreind to me as to seik the sam. gife the laird of lochinwar gettis the few of the maneis,[3] I feir he seik it in with the sam, mening thairby to caus me to serue him; the quhilk dout I thocht meit to aduerteis your (l) of, as my special freind. fardar gife hir (l) wald appoint day and place to the haill tennentis of the Landis wnsellit to meit hir in edinburgh, hir (l) wald haif trew try of the waluritie of the Landis, and at that tyme wald all wnendit mak an end with hir, and wald be blyth sa to do for my pairt. Laing[4] to troubill your (L) with fardar letter, committis yow in the protectioun of god. of brochtoun, the ix of this instant.—be youris at wary powar, David Muray of Brochtoun.

I haif wryttin to maister thomas craig to confer with your (l) concernyng my bessines of the redemptioun of egernes;[5] as I am aduerteisit I am purposit to do, gife god will gife powar.

Letter from JAMES DUNBAR of Cumnock to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 28th February, probably 1584-5.

My Lord, efter my hertlie commendatioune, forsameikill as it is nocht wnknawin to your (L) quhow I am detenit in vayrd[6] this sessoune by gane at the erle off errans[7] plessour, and is

[1] ? Value.
[2] Beyond, *i.e.*, to another.
[3] Mains.
[4] Leaving.
[5] The lands of Egerness.
[6] Ward, prison.
[7] Arran.

vncertane my selff quhat is the grownd off my trubling, bot as I suppone be the Instigatioune of sum his cin,[1] vald be at the barronne off cumloik,[2] and haif my tytill thair off, quhilk is the auld in heritance off my forbearis, althocht left be thame to me in evill case, yeit I will be verry laith that my deid thair anent sall prejudge my selff our far, excep vpoune ane ground of ane greit commodatie, ffor the quhilk I luik nocht at his handis. all wayis, seing I haiff found your (L) sa freindlie in tymes past, this saming [ ] effis me to put your (L) to chairg sua haimlie at the (prese)nt, as to requeist yow, for sick staid or pleissor that I may dow your (L) at ony tyme heir efter, as to entir in purpois with my Lord errane[3] anent me, as nocht dissyrit be me, and inquyr for quhat causs I am trublit. And giff his lordship crevis[4] ony particular at my hand, it is his dewtie to mak me gud causs for the saming, quhilk will allour[5] me to his (L) effeict, rather nor this forme of handling; and quhat he wald do for the particullar, and efter his (L) offer It sald seime best I wor sett to libertie for sertane monethis, to the effect I suld be advyssit with my fauveraris[6] quhat wor best to be followit. your (L) will travell heir anent so far as ye may but[7] your awin hinder. nocht haiffand further occatioune to vryt to your (L), bot committis yow to the protectioune off God; with credeit to this berar. ffrome the blaiknes, the last of februar.—Be youris freindis at powar,

James Dunbar of Cumnok.

To the rycht honorabill and my speciall
lord off barnebarroch.

Letter from Anna Keith, Countess of Argyle, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 7th March 1584-5.

My lord, Efteir my verray hartlie commendatioun, I hawe hard be my cousing and seruand Jo[n] bonnair how he hes bene in conference with yow ll towart the few landis of quhithorne That is vndisponit, And that ye cum to this poynt now, that ye

[1] Kin. [2] Barony of Cumnock. [3] Arran. [4] Craves.
[5] Allure. [6] Favourers. [7] Without.

offer for thame fyve thowsand and thre hunder merkes. Trewlie ye ar the maist dryveand merchand that evir I delt with all. Bot, becaus I haif haid to do with your ll before, I will be laith to dispone ony thing by yow, And ye know that my offer and loise[1] of thay landis wes ever sax thowsand merkes; Bot, be ressoun I knaw your ll trew dailling, I will be content that ye haif thame for fyve thowsand and v^{c} merkes, baith cnok-dollyanes[2] and all the rest; And that the siluer be payit to me before witsonday, ffor I man haif it to outred turnes that may nocht be left vndone, quhat schift that ever I maik. And thairfor Lat me haif your resolute anser gif ye will agrie with me in this maner or nocht. fforder I purpos to draw the contractes in les[3] process; That is that I sall caus my youngaist dochter[4] with consent of hir husband resigne hir half and entres to the landis of quhithorne in favoures of my eldaist dochter,[5] and sa thair will be the fewar contractaires. fforder, gif your ll and I agreis, I man haif yow to agrie with williame fleyming, as I haif maid conditioun with him, quhilk salbe na thing to your (ll) hynder. All vther thingis I refer to your ll anser, quhilk I desyre to be send to me with diligence. Sa I commit your ll in the protectioun of the Allmichtie. frome Stirvelling the vii of merche 1534.—your assurit freynd,

Annas keyth.

To the rycht hon^{ble} and my traist freind the laird of barnebarrow senatour of the college of Justice.

Letter from Anna Keith, Countess of Argyle, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 11th March 1584-5.

My loird, Efter my verray hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your ll Lettir, quhairby I haif consyderit your ll offer to me for the few Landes of quhithorne to sett, quhilk is v m thre hundrecht merkes; And as for williame fleyming, ye desyre to be defaicet for him twa hunder and foure score merkes, And that I can nocht be furnesit be yow of the haill siluer before witsonday.

[1] Loss, *i.e.*, alienation.
[2] Knockdolian.
[3] Less.
[4] Mary, Lady Errol.
[5] Lady Murray.

As to the first poynt of the offer, I am content that ye haif the saidis Landis for the said soume off v m and three hunder merkis, provyding that I haif this haill siluer before witsonday, And vtherwayis I can nocht agrie with sa sober ane soume. And as to w^{m} fleyming, I can nocht vpoun my conscience taik mair frome him bot ane hunder merkis of the merkland, as I agret with him vpoun, And thairfor will Taik him of your hand for xiiij^{c} merkis and na mair, nochtwithstanding That it was vtherwayis agreit with his brother. I consyder this mannis necessetie, and als my awin promeiss besyde. Thairfor, gif ye will agrie with this that I haif wrettin, aduerteis me with this berar, ffor I can tarie na langar vpoun this nor sonday nixt. And gif we agrie I sall direct my cousing, Allex^{r} bonnair, to caus maik your securitie as ye will devyse. This referring the rest vnto your nixt aduerteissment, I commit your ll in the protectioun of the almytie. frome Strevelling the xi day of merche 1584.—Your ll freynd at powar, Annas Keyth.

To the rycht honorable the Laird of Barnebarroche
ane of the senatouris of the college of Justice.

Letter from Michael Blane[1] to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 26th March 1585.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendationes of seruice to your (l), this present is to schow your l that we and certane of your (l) servandis var put to the horn be m^{r} morran messinger at the instance of villie gordoun of penyngham, factour to (l) robert, vmquhill prior of quhithorn, for superplus omittit vythout ony specialitie of the four scoir yeir. And I, mi^{l} blane, vyth ane vther, certan payit to the maistres of vchiltre, conforme to hir gyft, nocht with standing we had payit it fyrst to m^{r} robert that yeiris devtie, and hais hir discharge thairon; heirfore desyris your l that ye perseif that Johne gordoun do na vrang to me thairanent, bot I be relewit as the rest of my nichbouris; ffor he hais ane pyk at me for ane pece of the land of vig,[2] quhilk I haif in occupatione, And hais maid vrang report of me to the

[1] He was Provost of Wigtown. [2] Now Wigg.

lard of garleis, sayand that I had bound my band of manreth to the lard of gelstoun in seruice; quhilk is on na vayis treuth; nor I wald nocht do the samen, becaus I am onlie serwand to the prior of quhithern and his baillye, the quhilk your (l) sall ken to be ane vrang report; heirfore desyris your (l) that I incur na danger, bot be relewit as the rest. nocht trubling your (l) farthar, committis your l in the protectioun of the almychtie. of quhithern this xxvi of merche 1585 yeiris be your l serwand and freynd at all powar,

Michael blane in vig.

To the Rycht hono[ll] and my speciell
Sir patrik Wauss of barnbarrach.

Letter from JOHN DUNBAR of Orchardton to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 9th April 1585.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, pleissit you to vit that the lord of Mochrem hes schargit me vpone ane decreit vith lettiris in the four formis to ramof,[1] and decist, and ceis fraye occupatioun of the Landis of knokaffrek, vnder the pan of hornyng, as robert craig the berer heirof vill schaw you the matter at mair lenth; and seyng I am myndit to obey the command of the saidis letteris, I knaw I man fynd kation, and raiss lettiris of suspensioun to ramof; heirfor my lord I vill desyr you to be catioun for me, that I sall obey the command of the saidis letteris, according to the ordour in sic causis; and I be the tennour heirof byndis and oblesis me, my aris, executouris, and assegnais, to raleif and keip you skithles of all dangar that ye may svsteyn throv your cationore for me in my said actioun. and sua raferis the rest to your vaisdom, and the eternall god to haif you in his keping. of orschortoun the nynt of apryll 1585. —Be youris at povar of serveis,

Jhone dunbar In orschortoun.

To the rycht honorabill and my
maist lord barinbarroch.

[1] Remove.

Letter from Elizabeth, Lady Forbes, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 21st April 1585.

My lord, efter maist hartly commendatione, I haue maid this mekill wryt to giff your (ll) most hartlie thankis for your (llo) luiffing kyndness schawin to my lord my housband, our barnis, and freindis the lastym this berar my sone was thair. And now I wil exhort your (lo) to contenewe in that fawouris, quhilk I am sure your (llo) hes schawine, And daylie schawis, to Inocentis that ar trubillit In doing Justice. Nocht only for that causs It is done for, bot for vprichtnes and zeal that your (llo) hes to do Justice, And to discharge your dewetie befoir the ma(ies)te of god, quha gaiff yow that place. I vil meist hartlie pray your (ll) tak the panis as to reid this vther peper, And to considder my lord my housbandis estait, And for quhat caus he is sa trubillit; And giff it may be rakinit rychtteoussnes to compell him discharge his awin bluid and freindis, And tak that burding on him for tham all, Alss weill as for the discharge off ane hundrecht thovsand libs and mair, that thai vald haue gottin for thair pley, giff thai had gottin law and ressoun; And alss to tyn the (llo[1]) of forbes for his lyftym but[2] crime to be laid to charge, except the nocht fulfilling off that decreit, that lyis nocht in his powar to do, quhilk he vas compellit to tak on. I pray your (llo) respect his causs, And remember that sic trubilis ar covmoun to guid and ewill, supoiss thai be nocht off alyk vecht[3] to all. And for your (llo) awin part I dout bot your (llo) wil respect quhat may happin to men beand Innocent, as he is I praiss god. I am homlie to burding your (llo) with rehersing off our trubillis, And craiffis[4] off help for releiff, quhairoff I desyr your (l) pardoun. And this, Efter my maist hartlie commendatione maid onto my Lady, my ant,[5] quhom

[1] Lordship. [2] Without. [3] Weight. [4] Cravings.

[5] The above letter is by Elizabeth, wife of William, seventh Lord Forbes, and daughter (and co-heiress with her sister Margaret, Countess Marischal) of Sir William Keith of Inverugie. What her present trouble was is not known, but on the 11th May of the previous year her eldest son, John, Master of Forbes, had been summoned as a suspected person to appear before the Council, and had been denounced as a rebel on the 9th of June for non-appearance. This lady was born

with your (llo) selff I commit to the preserwatione off the most mychtie our god. off Findreyth the xxi off apryl 1585.—Your (llo) hartlie at hir powar, Elizabeth ll forbes.

To my werey guid Lord my lord off
barnbarrow be this Delyuerit.

Letter from Paul Gordon of Aberdeen to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 26th April 1585.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, this present is to put your L in rememberance of the actioune presentlie depending befoir your l in cessiounn betuix knowis and Irving, quhairin I haif nocht only speciall entres, bot the actioun properlie belangis to my self, and I heff sik tytill and place as george knowis and his spous margaret gordoun hes, or suld haif, and hes coft[1] the heritable tytill thairof, quhilk hes bene bethe costlie and trubilsoume to me, Nothwithstanding the samyn lyis onder reuertioun of sobir sowmes, quhilk reuersioun It hes plesit your L only to gif ws actioun to persew for the samyn, and can newir get the samyn aneis[2] callit, quhilk is ane mater to be menit. alwayis I haif derectit my guid freind, berar heirof, to attend on the actioun, praying your (l) effectuislie that I may fynd your (l) fauorable assistance bethe in the calling thairof and expeditioun of Justice according to ressoun, for trewlie the mater is meir to my hender[3] nor I can wrett, Thairfoir mone imploy your (l) as my maist speciall freind. remitting the rest to the berar, committis your (l) to godis protectioun. from aberdene the xxvi of appryill 1585.

I praye your l latt me fynd your fauor In this causs accordyng to ressoun, quhairof I assuir myselff as ane maist

before 1521, when the marriage of Inverugie's daughters was sold by the Duke of Albany for £10,000, and she was married in 1538. How she was niece to the Lady Barnbarroch, who must have been born between 1540 and 1550, does not appear; but perhaps she used the word "ant" for niece, as Alexander M'Kie of Whitehills most certainly did in one of his letters. There is an undated fragment of a letter in the same handwriting as the above, printed on p. 361.

[1] Bought. [2] Once. [3] Hinder.

speciall freind, lyk as your l sall haiff me to be commandit att my puar[1] youris l att all my puar to be commandit.

Pawle gourdoun off aberdein.

[No address.]

[On the 13th of April the Laird of Garlies, with many other of the lairds of the West country, had been ordered within 15 days, under pain of rebellion, to find caution that they, and all for whom they are liable by the general bond, shall obey the King, his Lieutenant and Warden, in the pursuit of Lord Maxwell and his rebellious adherents, and for their entry before the Privy Council or the justice when required upon fifteen days warning. On the 5th of May a bond of caution in £10,000 by Alexander Stewart of Garlies, as principal, and Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch as surety to the above effect, was duly registered.[2] The following letter, and those of 28th and 29th April, refer to this matter.]

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 23d April 1585.

My Lord, eftir hartelie commendationis, it will pleis you vnderstand that I ame informit that Lochinver,[3] Bombeye,[4] and Lag,[5] is chargit bie ane offeser, and letteris derek off the secreit counsall, to compeir befoir the kingis ma (majestie) and counsall the laist of this monethe, to find cahion (caution) to assyst the warden, and to serf the luiftenant, under the paine of ane great soimme; and it is lattin me understand that I ame in the same letteris, bot I ame not yeit chargit; quhairfoir I desyir yow to gang to the kingis (ma), and sie gif it bie his (g) plesour that I bie chargit; for ye may schawe his g that I salbe obedient to his (g) servece at all tymis, as it sall pleis his (ma) command me, for I wald not that it wair thocht that his (g) haid me under sik suspesion as to find cation for my trewe serveice to his (ma)

[1] This is the same handwriting as the signature.

[2] Reg. Privy Council, vol. iii., p. 745.

[3] Sir John Gordon.

[4] Thomas M'Clelland.

[5] Roger Grierson.

and gif it bie his (ma) plesour that I find cation, Iwill desyir yow to be cation for me, and I sall releif yow, and sall bind myself to that affec alss straitlie as ye pleis; for to me to travell for that causs to Ed^{r}, and eftir my hame coming frae Ed^{r} schortlie thaireftir ryd to the bordour, or quhair his (ma) hes serveice ado, ye knaw that is werie hard to me that is sae far of, and that ye may schawe his (ma), and I belief suirlie that his (ma) will nae waye craif cation of me, as his (g) dois of utheris, and this ye will declair onto his (g) as your wisdom thinkis gud. Lykwyis, gif there bie ony serveice ado in thir cuntres, I desyir yow to wret hame to your frindis to bie in redines to wait wpone me, as I salbie chargit to his (ma) serveice. pleis yow gif credeit to the berar Jhone M^{c}Gown in all thingis I haif presentlie to do. sua for the present, lewing to trubill yow with further wreit, I commit your L to God. at quhitterne the xxiii of Appryll 1585. —Your L assurit freind at power, Garleis.

To the ry^{t} hon^{ll} and his assurit freind
the Lard of Barnbarrache.

[The Lord Maxwell had been created Earl of Morton, and had been Warden of the West Marches. He had now risen in revolt against Arran's government, and Sir John Johnston, who had displaced him in the Wardenship, for which he had been denounced rebel and put to the horn. On the 6th of April Robert Maxwell, his brother, had burned Johnston's house of Lochwood, and Lord Maxwell had defeated Johnston, and taken him prisoner. He allied himself to the English party, and that of the banished Lords, and in 2d November of this year they succeeded in driving Arran from power, and he was restored to all his honours.]

ORDER for a taxation of £20,000 to pay "Wageit Men on hors and fute" to serve under the Warden of the West March against ROBERT MAXWELL, and other broken men, 28th April 1585.

James be the grace of god, king of Scottis, to our louittis messingers, our sereffes in that part, coniunctlie and

severalie, specialie constitute, greting; forsamekle as Johnne Lord Maxwell, being vnmyndfull of the great benefittes and honour quhairvnto he wes advanceit be ws, hes maist ingratefullie and vnnaturally movit and sterit vp robert Maxwell his broder naturall, and certane vtheris, brokin men, commoun Inymeis to bayth the realmes, to tak armes and with fyre, sword, and all kynd of hostilite, to burne, slay, herry, and oppres the wardane of the west marche of our realme, his freindes, tennentes, servandes, and vtheris our gude subiectes; quhairvpoun we, fearing forder mouvement to follow, to the brek of the gude amytie quhilk salang hes continewit betuix the twa realmes, commandit be proclamatioun our gude subiectes of sindrie our serefdomes To haif mett ws, or our Lieutenant, at peblis the xv day of Maij nixtocum, To haif past furthwart thairfra with certane dayes provisioun for resisting of the temerarious attemptates of the saidis brokin men, and vtheris our disobedient subiectes, and reduceing of thame to our obedience. Bot becaus sic provisioun as wes necessar for hors and men could not be had in this seasoun of the yeir, and that the delay of thair persute hes movit, and moves, thame to be the mair insolent, We thairfoir convenit ane number of our estaittes, be quhome ane taxatioun of twentie thousand poundis is grantit, and ordirit to be vpliftit as followis, for Leveing and intertenyng of certane wageit men on hors and fute for advancement of our service, and quieting of the troublit estait of the said west marche. That is to say ten thousand pound be the spirituall estait, Providing that the thrid thairof be tane of the thriddes of benefices, sa as sic as payes thair thriddes sall onlie be astrictit in payment of the twa parts of the saides ten thousand poundes, and the ministrie to be fre for samekle of the saides thriddes as is assignit to thame in thair stipendes, and samekle as happynnit to be defalkit throw that occasioun to be eikit pro rata to the partis rep^{me} ordinit to be pait be the vtheris estaittes; Sex thousand sex houndreth threiscoir sex poundes xiii s iiijd to be pait be the barones and frehaldares to gidder withour propertie; and three thousand thre hundreth threttie thrie poundes vi s. viijd in compleit payment of the said taxatioun of twenty

thousand poundes be the burrowes; and that at ane term, viz. vpoun the Last day of Junij, nixtocum, and for inbringing of the spirituall mennis part of the said taxatioun our vthers letteris ar direct, chargeing all and sindrie bischoppes, abbottes, and vthers beneficit persones, contenit in the taxt roll, thair chalmerlanes or factouris, to mak payment of that soume, that thai and ilkane of thame ar stentit to, to our officiares, executouris of our saides vthers letteris, at the terme aboue specifiit vnder the pane of rebellioun and putting of thame to our horne; and gif thai failze thairin, the said terme being bypast, To denunce thame incontinent thairefter our rebelles, and putt thame to our horne, and to escheat for quhais releif. Oure Will Is, and we charge you straitlie, and commandes, That incontinent thir our letteris seene, ye pas, and in our name and auctoritie, command, and charge, thair frehaldares, fewares, vassellis, subvasselliss, Ladeis of terce, coniunctfeares, lifrentares, and pensionares, To mak payment of their partes of the said taxatioun pro rata within ten dayis nixt efter thai be chargit be you thairto vnder the pane of rebellioun, and putting of thame to our horne; And gif thai failze thairin, the saides ten dayes being bypast, That ye incontinent thairefter denunce the dissobeynes our rebelles, and putt thame to our horne, and escheat, and inbring all thair moveable guides to our vse, for thair contemptioun, as ye will anser to ws thairvpoun. The quhilk to do we commit to you conuinctlie and seueralie our full power be thir our letters, delyvering thame be you dewlie execut, and indorsat agane to the bearar. Gevin vnder our signet At haliruidhous, the xxviij day of aprile, and of our regne the xviijth zeir 1585.—Per actum secreti consilij. T. hay.

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 29th April 1585.

My Lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioune, This is to remember yow that I vrit to yow befoir to haif bein cautioun for me conforme to ane charge that I suspectit to cum. Quhilk charge I haif gotten this last tysday at four eftir none, the copie quhairof

ye sall resave fra this berar; as also ye sall resave my obligatioun, subscryuit with my hand, quhilk obligatioune ye mon in lykmaner subscryue, gif ye will be cautioun for me; Quhilk I dout bot ye will, for I sal relief you, as I am bound in the obligatioune. And ye sall caus M^r^ Johne Scharp, or M^r^ Alex^r^ King, or ony vther that ye think maist meit, compeir for registrating thereof in the buikis of counsall for me. Fordar I vnderstand that the Lairdis of Bomby, Lochinvar, Lag, and sum vtheris of the gentilmen of Niddisdaill, is to be in Ed^r^ this nixt Fryday at ewin to sie gif thay can get thame selfis fred of this cautionarie be the king's ma^ties^ guidwill. Quhilk gif thay do, I wold ye suld insist with thame in my name to the same effect, and quhat ordour thay tak I will desyre you to agrie with the same for my pairt. Gif I haid knawin of thair passing to Ed^r^ in tyme, I wold haif riddin thair with thame my selff. Lykwayis thay come ane proclamatioun to Wigtoun upoun Tysday the xxvii day of this instant, charging all men betuix saxtie and saxteen, and utheris fensabill personis, to meit the kingis lieutennent in peblis the third day of May nixt, Quhilk is schort; and ye sall resaue the copie of the proclamatioun with the minute of the charge subscryuit be the messengeris hand, that ye may lat it be knawin to the kingis ma^tie^ and counsall that, the charge being sa schort, it was not possible to this cuntrie to be sa schortlie in redines with sick provisioun as is requirit in the Lettres. Bot I sall cum with als greit diligence as possibill is; and that ye may schaw to his ma^tie^, and gif ye ony way can get his ma^ties^ guidwill that I find nocht cautioun, ye sall craue it veray earnestlie, as also I belief the prior[1] of blantyre sall do the samyn, for I haif vrittin to him to the same effect. Sua ye will do heirin as your wisdome thinkis meit, and aduerteis me agane als schortlie with the berar as ye can. Thus, leving to trubill yow with langer lettre, committis yow to God. From Quhitherne the penult day of Aprile 1585.—Youris (L) assurit freind at power, Garlies.

To the Ry^t^ honorable the Laird of Barnbarrat
Lord of Sessioun.

[1] Walter Stuart, first Lord Blantyre.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the LADY OF BARNBARROCH, 22d July (perhaps) 1585.

Rycht hon[ll] and speciall ant, efter my hartly commendatioun, I haif wrytten to my (l) your husband, as your (l) wisdome will persaif be the said letter, and sindrie vther occasiounis hes movit me, that I can nocht specially contine in the letter at this present, quhilk I sall gar your (l) knaw at meitting; and gif my (l) and your (l) wilbe sa guid as to furneiss me the siluer to sax dayis forrow[1] mertimes, I am content to gif ane hundrethe merkis for the profeit vnto than to thame ye get it fra, and to be bund in what form my (l) will devyss at the day foirsaid; and gyf I get nocht the said siluer, it will be my loiss ane thousand pund my way. I will nocht fasche yow with langer letter, bot gyf euer I may do yow pleser agane quhill I leif, ye will forder this causs; for gyf ye do, I will estime it alyk as gyf ye had relevit me out of waird. I pray caus put the boy away with diligence, for he man be at me or the first of august, or ellis materis can nocht frame, and god preserue yow in guid healthe; and your anser in wryte quhat I may luik for. from the Insce, the xxij day of July.—Youris eme at power to be commandit, Kenhelt younger.

To the Rycht hono[ll] and my special ant
my (l) barnbarrocht this be deliuret.

Order from the KING to attend the Court of "Chekker," 27th September 1585.

Trustie Counsallour We greit you weill. It is not unknawin to yow that our chekker wes continewit to the sext of October nixtocum; at quhilk tyme we think maist expedient that it convene agane at Striuiling, and proceid quhill all thing be perfitit, quhilk ye could not overtak the last tyme; desyrand yow thairfoir effectuuslie that ye will not faill to be present the said sext day, as ye will do ws acceptable and gude service.

[1] Before.

Thus we commit yow to God. At Striuiling the 27 of September 1585.

James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit counsalour the laird of barnbarroch ane of the senatouris of our college of Justice.

Letter from Thomas, Tutor of Cassillis, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 10th October 1585.

Broder, eftir hartlie commendatioun, This salbe to aduerteiss yow that the kingis mat^ie^ hes appointed be his proclamatioun ane raid with tent and palzeon to meit him at the castell of Craufurd with sa mony dayis victuall as the proclamatioun beris. Quhairfoir I man pray yow, in respect it is nocht possable to me to cum in the countrie at this tyme, that ye haif in redyness all youris extendit to als gret nummer as evir thay haif bene, Becaus it is the first raid that the king himselff hes taken vpone hand in his awin persone; And I sall aduerteiss yow with the nixt messenger quhat day ye salbe in mayboll, that we may ryid togidder, ffor we may pass na vther way nor is appointit us; and I pray yow appoint samony careage, horss, and men, as said is, becauss of the kingis awin personall ryding, for your awin honoris caus. Referring the rest to our meting. As for newis, it is trew my lord arrane was to have been in Kincarne upone saterday last, and thair to have given hes presens to the king, And the king thocht guid to stay him thereof for the ambassadouris causs being with his mat^ie^. Sua my lord hes nocht presentit the king as yit, bot beis west throw to air on fryday nixt to address him to ryid to the raid. As for the rest of newis I will nocht writ thairof quhill your meting and myne. Efter my hartlie commendationes to my sister, your bedfallow, and my lady of cassillis, I commit yow to god. off Striueling, In haist, the 10 of october 1585, Be youris assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To the richt hono^ll^ and my loving broder
the laird of barnbarocht.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th October 1585.

Richt traist freind We greit yow hertlie weill. We haue lang differit to burdene our subiectis to trauell in persoun for repressing of the insolence and lang continewit rebellioun of the Lord Maxwell, in hoip to haue settillit that disordour before now; Bot finding his contempt incressing, and our gude subiectis eweist the west bordour havellie opprest be his treasonabill proceidingis, And that maist vnthankfullie, be the assistance of our declairit traytouris and rebellis expellit furthe of our realme, and the brokkin men and thevis of the bordouris, he intendis the further trouble of our estate, We intend godwilling in proper persoun to repair to the boundis sa lang disorderit and oppressit be him with a sufficient force of our faithfull and gude subiectis, and hes maid proclamationis to that effect agane the xxij day of October instant; Quhairfoir We desyre yow effectuusly that ye, weill and substantiously accumpaneit with your freindis, tennentis, and seruandis, and all that ye may mak, addres yow to Ws at Crauforde castell the said xxij day, with carriage and palzeonis to ly on the feildis, provydit to accumpanie ws be the space of xxx dayes according to our saidis proclamationis, as ye will do ws speciail pleaser and gude seruice. Thus we commit yow to god. At Sterling the xij day of October 1585.

James R.

To our Richt traist Freind the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 15th October 1585.

My lord, eftir hartlie commendatioun, pleis yow to wit I haif resauit ane letter fra the kingis maiestie this furisday at nycht, desyrand me to meit his grace at the castell of cravford[1] the xxii day of this Instant,[2] accompaneit with my haill freindis and seruandis, and all that I may mak, in maist substantious

[1] Crawford. [2] October 1585. See the king's letter of 12th October 1585.

maner; Quhairfoir I desyre yow to convein your freindis and serwandis, that thai may be in reddiness to ryd with yow and me; ffor I intend to be in Sanct Johnes clauchan[1] the xxii day of this Instant at nycht. I think ye neid nocht steir out of barnbarrache quhill this day aucht dayis in the morning, for I sall wait on yow in monigof[2] that we may ryd togidder. I wald ye had all your freindis and serwandis in reddiness vpone four houris warning, for I suspect we sall haif ado swner nar hand our Duris.[3] sua to new occatioun commitis yow to god. at glasserrtoun this fryday at morne.—Your (l) assurit freind,

Garleis.

To the Rycht hon[ll] the Lard of Barnbarahe.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to Sir PATRICK WAUS, from Maybole, 15th October 1585.

Broder, eftir my richt hartlie commendatiounis, forsamekill ye sall witt that I haue bene in court thir xv dayis bygaine, and (prasit be god) hes be my awin presens stayit sindrie bruittis, quhilkis wer layd aganis me, as also satisfeit the kingis grace and utheris courteouris, and my lord of arrane lykewyiss, quhome with I wes ane nycht, and left with thame all in guid freindschip, and sic sort as I wes with thame quhen ye and I wes thair. And cuming fra striviling on fryday the aucht of this moneth at the falkirk my horss fell with me, and I pat my schulder bled out of lithe,[4] quhilk wes the occasioun that I come nocht to this cuntrie quhill this day. As anent this Rayd, I luik that, gif your self ryde, ye will cum to me this gait with the rest of my lord of cassillis freindis, quhilk ar to cum heir to this tounne on Tyisday nixtocum at evin, viz. the xix day of this instant; and, gif ye ryde nocht your self in your awin personne, I will pray yow that ye will send your serwandis, with the rest of thame that ar to cum, to me as said is, and that thai be at me as said is, for I purpois god willing to ryde my self, gif the habilitie of my personne may serue ony way, in respect this is

[1] Kirkcudbright.
[2] Minigaff.
[3] Have ado sooner near hand our doors.
[4] Joint.

the first rayd that evir the kingis grace come to the feildis in his awin persoune. Thairfoir I dout bot as ye respect my honour ye will do as said is. As for newis I can wraitt nonne to yow at this present quhill the commissioneris of Scotland and Ingland conclude, and, gif ye and I meit nocht at the rayd, I sall send sik newis and adverteisment as I ressaue as occasionis sall serue. Referring the rest thairto, eftir my hartlie commendationis of service to my lord of cassillis,[1] and to your bedfallow, my sister, your sonne[2] and dochteris, and the rest of the freindis thair, I commit yow to godis protectioun. of Maybole the xv day of october 1585.—Be your assurit broder,

Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my broder the Laird of barnbarache.

Letter from the King to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 20th October 1585.

Rycht traist freind We greit yow hartlie weill. Albeit be our seuerall proclamacyonis publissit heirtofore We ordanit our gude subiectis to meit ws at the Castell of Craufurde vpon the third day of Nouember nixt, with cariage and palyeonis to lye in the feildis for xxx dayis, Bot considdering the greit difficulitie to get out the lauborarris of the grund with cariage, in respect the cornis are in many places vnled and win, Seing alsua the dyet of our proclamacioun is in the mirk of the morne, and that our rebellis that war in Englande ar enterit in our realme be the middill marche, and assistit be sindrie oure vnnaturall subiectis, that maist vnkyndlie and vnthankfullie hes schakin of our obedience and joyned thame to our rebellis off intent to reise and manteine publeic weir in the bowellis of our realme, gif thair insolence be not withstand and represt; Thairfoir We desire yow effectuuslie that ye with your houshald and substantious freindis, maist habill and best horssit, in weir like

[1] By the king's letter of 12th July 1584 Sir Patrick had been directed to retain the Earl of Cassillis, being then a "puple" (minor) in his custody.

[2] By this expression it would seem that at this date Sir Patrick had only one son living.

maner, addres yow to be at us heir in striueling vpoun setterday nixtocum, the penult day off October instant,[1] or soiner gif possibill ye can, To accumpanie and assist ws in defence and saieftie of our honour, life, and croune, Leveing your commonis that ar occupeit in winning of the cornis, and your cariage, behind quhill vpoun your hame cuming, and knawlege of our mynde, ye send thame further aduerteisment, as ye will gif us a pruif of your louf and effectioun to ws, and deserue our speciall thankis. Thus we commit yow to god. in Striueling the xx day of October 1585.

We desire yow effectuuslie to gar proclame thir lettiris with all diligence at Wigtoun, And, althogh it be efter the day, to cum alssone as is possible, and to gar deliuer thir lettiris.

James R.

To our richt traist freind the laird
of barnbarroche.

Letter from Dame Anna Keith, Countess of Argyle, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 27th October 1585.

My lord, efter my verray hairtlie commendatioun, forsamekle as this berar v^m^ fleming hes bein at me, schawand that he haid spoikin your (l), and fand your (l) weill villing to blok [2] with me towartis the rest of the Landis of quythorne, quhilk trewlie, gif I knew your (l) war sa myndit, I vald be glaid your (l) haid the samen rathair nor ony vthair, seing that your (l) hes the maist part of thai landis alreddy in your (l) handis; And thairfoir, gif your (l) be villing to end with me as I haif vrettin, that your (l) will be at ane poynt with your selff, and send me your vtter anser quhait your (l) will gif for the same; for gif your (l) beis content with this blok, your (l) sall agre for the haill, bayth for the landis that this berar v^m^ fleming hes, as the rest. And, becaus that this mertimes terme is bypast, giff your (l)

[1] This was too late. On the 1st November, Angus, Mar, the Master of Glammis, Bothwell, Home, Morton, John Lord Hamilton, and others, with their forces, had reached Stirling, which they entered next day, putting Arran and his supporters to flight, and were received into favour by the King.—*Moysie*, p. 54.

[2] To bargain or deal.

and I agreis heiranent, that your (l) will provyd for siluer aganis this nixt vitsonday. Sua to your (l) anser in this mater with the nixt commodius berar quhait I may leuk for at your (l) handis, I committ your (l) in the protectioun of the almychtie, from Elgyne this xxvij day of October 1585.—Your l assurit gud freind at power. Annas Keyth.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

[The last figure in the date of the following letter is not distinct, but a reference to Lord Orkney's letter of 26th January 1585-6 shows that it must have been written before that date. It might be either 1583 or 1585. Lord Orkney's marriage took place in 1561, so Henry, "the Master," might have been twenty-one or twenty-three at the time of his death. His father and he were not on good terms, and Andrew Martin had taken the Master's part.]

Letter to ANDREW MARTIN, signed JAMES DICKSON, Servitor to the Master of Orkney, 23d November 1585.

Brother, efter my verray hartly commendatioun, Seing this berar is repairing to the partis quhair ye ar, thocht guid to visit you with thir few lynes, onless ye suld esteim me obliuius of my dewtie towartis yow. The estait of thingis heir the berar can declair the samen to yow at lenth. Bot ane thing the maister hes bene verray scharplie handillit and extremelie vsit be my lord sen your departing, and as yit is, ffor quhen evir he requiris ather claything or ony vther thing necesser for him my lord boistis [1] him, and saies he sall use him in na vther maner, quhilk the m^r^ can nocht guidlie support. All this he beiris with sa far as he may, awaiting vpoun your hiddercuming, quhilkis he daylie luikis for, and thinkis verray lang thairto; ffor thair is few or nan that ar frack [2] in his causs. as to the gentilmen quha wes away, Thay haue gottin thair awin turnis done with my lord, and all thingis ar agreeit betuix thame; and sua he hes na help of thame, bot verray sliender, and he priesses thame alss litill, as he will schaw yow at mating. I pray yow

[1] Scolds. [2] Diligent.

Remember to gang to andro broun and bring me sum medicin fra him for to relief the pane in my head. all vther thingis refairis to your awin wysdome and discretioun. The men following efter hes tham verray hartlie commendit to yow, namelie patrik ross, David moncreiff, magnus hurstoun, quha wisses your weill. And swa, with my secund commendatioun to your self and our acquentence thair, will ever pray god to be your defender. ffrome kirkwall, this xxiij of November 1585. —Be youris luffing brother to his vttermaist power.

James Dickson
seruitor to the Mr of orknay.

Ye will remember to bring with yow ane dossen of commoun golf ballis to me and Dauid moncreiff.

To his luiffing brother andro Martyne delyuer this.

Summons from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, to attend the "Sessioun and Chekker" at Linlithgow, 14th December 1585.

Trusty and weilbelouit counsellour we greit yow hertlye weill. The necessitie of Justice salang wisset for be all our guid subiectis, and the sundrie comptis of our rentis restand vnmaid, hes moved ws be aduise of our counsall to appoint our sessioun and chekker to begin heir at Linlythgow the first day of Januar nixtocum.[1] Desyring you effectuuslie that, gif throu schortnes of the tyme ye can nocht keip the day preceislie, ye address you heir with all convenient diligence, as ye will declair your guid affectioun to our service, and to the advancement of Justice, and the commoun weill of our realme. And sa we commit yow to god, at Linlythgow the xiiij day of December 1585.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit counsellour
the Lard of Barnebarroche.

[1] The Courts had not been sitting in Edinburgh on account of the plague. The king now understanding "Lynlythgow to be clene, and void of all suspicioun of the said seikness," orders the Courts to meet and sit there till further orders.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iv., p. 30.

Letter from Sir ARCHIBALD M'KIE[1] of Merton to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH (probably 1585).

My lord, efter most hartle commendaseoun to your (l) with mest hartle thankis for your (l) gud weill in my absance. my lord, and[2] god spair my lyeff, I sall quhyt[3] your (l) gud weill as I dowe or maye to do your (l) plesuir. me lord, halp me wyth your l gud wyll, and gayff my gud sonn your (l) consall, at (that) my caseown[4] may be ralewit, for I sall neuer gane out of lodean[5] quhill he be relewyt; thairfor hast[6] it as ye may. I wyill trebyll your (l) with ne langer latter, bot cometis your (l) to god.—be youris at the wttermest of my power,

Archibald m'kie of Mertown.

To my mest spasiall gwd frynd
my lord of barnebaracht.
I haid noder waix nor fergait.[7]

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Gelston to , 6th January 1585-6.

Me lord, eftir me werrey hartlie commendationis, It will pleis your L wit that dawid kennaty your servand desyrit me to haif met your (l) at the kyrk of mochroum for certane caussis partly that he schew me, quhilk caussis I wes werray content of. nochtwithstanding that I promesit to dauid kennaty to haif cum In, as I wes myndfull quhen he and I departit. your l sall wit that I haif resauit ane wryting fra the lard of bomby,[8] my gudefather, to meit him at monigaf this vi of Januar for sic occationis he had ado. I beleif him to ryd in carrik, thairfoir your l man hald me excusit, for I haif send thomas my Eme to your l to schaw your l, and quhatsumewir thing that your (l)

[1] Archibald M'Kie of Myreton found caution in £1000 on 15th June 1583 for the entry of his son Patrick M'Kie, which had not been relieved on 30th April 1585.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*

[2] An, if. [3] Requite. [4] Caution, security.

[5] Meaning obscure. [6] Haste.

[7] Perhaps for ferret, *i.e.*, narrow tape for binding papers.

[8] Thomas M'Clelland.

and the nobill men quhom with your (l) suld meit condescendis wpon that Is ressonabill I sall nocht faill In my part. ffarthair, gif in cace your (l) and the lard of blairquhen[1] meit, your (l) man tak the panes to speik his m desyring him to subscryw me precept of sesing conform to my fatheris Infeftment, lyke as I salbe reddy to do his m pleser quhen he sall charge. And als your l man causs the lard wnderstand that I will obtene chargeis wpon him In cace he be obstinat, quhilk I beleif his m will nocht refuiss my ressonabill desire. mair your l sall wit, conform to your (l) appuntment and mynd, I haif my seruand to gif sa mekle sylwer to dawid kennaty as thai culd now furneiss to ane gude compt. Thair is nothing that I promesit to your (L) befoir my gude father the lard of bomby bot I sall keep the same, lyke as I dout nocht bot your (l) will keip wnto. And committis your (L) wnto god. of remeson[2] the sax of Januar 1585.—Be youris (l) assurit gude frend,

William m'clelland of Gelston.

[The outer sheet, with the address, is torn off.]

Letter from Lord Orkney to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 26th January 1585-6.

My lord, eftir my verry hairtlie commendatioun, having occasioun to direct this baerare my seruand towardis the south pairtis, Thocht guid to vesie your (l) with this letter, Requesting your (l) maist effectiouslie nocht to suffer my sone patrik to ressaue andro marting, samtyme seruand to harie my vmquhile sone, uther in seruice or companie; Nether that he ressaue his pernitious counsall, ffor as I allege the said andro quhat he culd be his wickit counsall to put vmquhile harie and me at variance; And causit him to pas to caithnes, and suc freindschip of the erle of caithnes aganes me, as the baerar can declair at lenth; quhairfoir I thocht best to dischairg him my sonnes companie

[1] Sir John Kennedy.

[2] ? Ravenstone, commonly pronounced *Rameston*, now belonging to Lord Borthwick, and about five miles from Barnbarroch.

till his pairt be tryit thairin. I vnderstand he hes haryis testament; he nevir lat me be participator thairof. I luik that your (l) will nocht suffer him to be abwsit nether with that testament, nor with ony wtheris the said androis conceptis. ffarder I think it verry necessar that my sone wer put to sum plaice in sum vther cuntrey, quhair he mycht larn vertew, and guid maneris, quhairin I craif your (l) counsall; quhidder it salbe best to send him to france, in respect of thair religioun, or to sum guid college within Ingland, And quhat your (l) thinkis best I sall stand content thairwith, and help thairto tyll my power, having na vther occasioun for the present, I commit your (l) to godis eternal protectioun. ffrome kirkwall the xxvi day of Januare 1585.—Your (lo) luifing freind to command.

Orknay.

To my verry guid lord and speciall freind the laird of barbarroche Lord of our soverane lordis sessioun.

Letter by the Laird of Barnbarroch to William M'Clellan of Crofts, 9th February 1585-6.

Eyme, Eftyr my hartlie commendatione, and ye be rememberit of the harde letter ye vreit to me to barnbarrache for vant of your confyrmatione, quhilk I promesit to expeid to yow, quhilk nov ye sall ressaue fra this berar, and delyuer hym your hand vreit vpon the ressait thairof. and trevlie I sall nocht taik sua mykill In hand the nixt tyme. alwayss ye will ramembyr to provyid Ser Michaell halthornes siluer aganis paice[1] at the furdest, vthervyss ye will excvyss that the lettres be put to farder execution. Remityng the rest to your visdom. And farder I will pray yow maist hartlie to help this my cusyng to his rycht that he gottyn of his Eyme, and fordyr him In that mater, as ye vill haife me to do yow plesour. Remitting the rest to your visdom, and credeitt to the berar as to my self, and god keip yow. from Edy^{t} this ix of fa^{r} 1585.—Be your Eyme att all power. Barnbarrache.

To my rycht traist Eyme Villiame m^{c}clellane of Croftes.

[1] Easter.

[Written on the back]—

I william m^c^clellane of croftis grantis me to haif Resauit at the handis of the Rycht honorabill M^r^ Patrik wauce of barnebarroche my few charter of the few landis of borge with the confirmation thairof Be this present subscryuit with my hand at kirkcubrycht the fyftein of februar the yeir of god i^m^ v^c^ foure scoir fyve yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis, williame m^c^clellane in Dunure, Johnne nicusleis burges of kirkcubrycht.

I williame m^c^clellane of croftis with my hand.

Letter from KATHERINE KENNEDY, LADY BARNBARROCH, to JOHN KENNEDY of Barwhanny, 23d February 1585-6.

Trest freind, fforsamekle I resauit your letter wyth robert charteris hundrethe poundis, and quhair ye wrycht to me that ye haif gottin aucht mais [1] of herring for barnebarroche, we man hald ws content of the samin for this yeir; and quhair ye wryt ye can nocht get thame hame, I think adame murray and Jhone m^c^kye seruis to lytill effect thair hame, and I sall tak ordor thairwyth at my hameganging; and quhair ye wryt to me that the lard of garleis mervellis quhat moveis my husband to vse him sa hardlie as he dois, I am assurit ye knaw for ane quhat vnressonable speichis the lard of garleis spak of my husband sen he rid last hame, and quhow he suld vse robert mvlighame [2] in our dispyt, quhilk is the speciall caus of seiking of remeid as ve do, quhairfra ve sall nocht ceis wythout ve haif ane farder securytie nor fair generallis. I am assurit the informatioun, that ye and william dunbar resauit at the lardis cumming in the cuntray, hes bein werray far by purpois, or ellis it that ye wret now is nocht sa trewlie spokin as I vald haif it, for ye knaw the best occation ve haif maid him is the chargis ve send hame to yow to put to executioun sen his hame ganging, and I mervell gif this occation sall mitigat the lard. allwayis I am assurit that be law we salbe exemit, and our haill servandis, fra the lardis courttis, bot onelie my husband presence thre heid

[1] A measure; "mail" in Orkney is 12 stones.

[2] ? Mulligan.

courttis. it is trew the lard hes wryttin to yow to continew the lard from the horne for aueht or ten dayis, quhill he maik yow aduertisment. the speciall occatioun of that is vpon the pryore of blantyris requeist to my husband, and assuring him that Jhone mvir is to cum out wyth sic offeris as salbe to my husbandis contentment, and gif sua beis we will proceid na (farder), and vtherwayis we will proceid be law. I pray yow faill nocht bot ye send out the chartor, as I wret wnto yow, wyth m^{c}hadie for ve can do na thing but it; and gif ve had had it heirout, ve had gottin our decreit out. I pray yow faill nocht bot ye gar maik tualf bollis of meill, and haif ane brewing of doubill aill maid aganis our hame ganging, and luik that grottis be maid aganis our hame ganging, and god preserue yow. off edinburch, the xxiii of fabruar.—Youris at power,

Dame katherin kannady lady baranbarroch.

ffarder I pray yow faill nocht to send me out siluer with the first that cummis out to furneis our hous, for we ar werray skant thairoff; for the hundrethe poundis ye send out for robert chartoris was giffin to archibald primrois, and als ye sall resaue, rattoun possoun,[1] and gar gif the samin to the rattounis.

To my trest freind
Jhone kennadie[2] in barquhonnie.

Extract from ORDER OF COUNCIL to ALEXANDER STEWART of Garlies to desist from Sir Patrick Waus's lands in Whithorn.

At Edinbur^{t} the xxiiij day of februar the yeir of god 1^{m} v^{c} Lxxxv yeiris In presence of the lordis of counsal compeirit Alex^{r} cwnynghame of cragendis and become caution and suertie for Alex^{r} Stewart of garleis that he sall desist and ceiss fra all halding of cuirtis vpoun the tennentis of the ten merk land of crugiltoun cavens, tua merk land and ane half of schaddok,

[1] Rat poison.

[2] This seems to be the husband of Grissell, Sir Patrick's second daughter. She was a widow, and remarried on 16th May 1589.

ballmiell, prestrey, wignigairie, als myd wigtoun, The ten merk land of carletoun, kirk of kirkmadin, apilbe, and knokdone, lyand within the Serefdome of wigtoun, pertening to Ser patrik wauss of barnebarocht knycht, and fra all atteiching and arresting of the tenentis thairof to compeir befoir the said alex^{r} Stewart and his deputis in ony cuirtis to be haldin be thame preceiding In calling of thame, thair guidis and geir in tyme cuming thairfoir, quhill the tuolf day of apryle nixt to cum, vnder the pane of tua hundreth pundis, and that for obeying of the command of the lettres purchest be the said Ser patrik aganis the said Alex^{r} Stewart thairvpoun, quhilkis ar be vther lettres suspendit vpoun him quhill the said day. Extractum de libro actorum per me Alexandrum hay de eist kennet cliricum Rotulorum regni at consilii S D N Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus, Alexander hay.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick Waus]—

Cregance [1] act for garleyss to desyst fra my landis of q^{t}tarne.

Portion of Letter from Lady Barnbarroch to her husband Sir Patrick Waus (probably March 1585-6).

Maist speicial and dearest, my commendatiounis maist hartlie rememberit, I haue resauit your letteris, ane fra pattrik edgar, and ane fra Jo^{n} Hilss, and I haue delyuerit your messivis according to your derecktioun; and I offerit to Joyne hill ane hundreth pund, and he wall noth tak it. I haue gifin Dauid arnat his hundreth markis, and hes gottin your band. I heir that mairtein and krugiltoun is rad into to yow, and I will requeist yow, my hairt, to haue ane kair of your awin straitis, and of the weill of your bairnis; for seing that ye will get na siluer fra martein, I pray yow tak your awin, for it will do guid to your bairnis with tyme. I haue resauit ane letter derect from my lord of gairleis the aught of November, and I haue red it, and seis litill apeirrance of siluer, bot schallancis [2] of your wnkyndnes; alwayss considder of it as ye think guid. alwayss send me your anser, quhat ye think guid anent the schairging of my

[1] Craigends. [2] Challenges.

lord; lykwayss, my hairt, ye sall wit that auch lain[1] was set for ane yeir for xxxiiii bols of witwall, and I delyuerit to thaim that tuik the land vii oxen and tua naigis, and all comprysit, and thay haue cum in, and casin the tak, and hes brocht the naigis again; and quhat thay mein I knaw noth, bot your brother maid the agriement betuein me and thaim; alwayss thaie tarrowis[2] be causs thay gat noth ane fyve yeir tak, and that wes the thing that I could noth do without your adwyce, sua in guid faith.

[The rest is missing.]

To my maist spaiciall and dearest the Laird of
Barnbarroth this gif.

Letter from JAMES CRICHTON, Messenger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably March 1585-6.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun of service, I haif resavit your (l) lettir, desyrand me in effect to denunce the Laird of garllis according to my promeis. Your (l) sall nocht neid to dout of me for my pairt god willing, Bot your (l) sall wit me Lady your wyfe hes the lettres, and will nocht gif thame to me to execuit; quhairfor your (l) writ to hir, and caus hir delyver thame to me, and I sall do my pairt, and your (l) sall haif na causs to dout of me. I will nocht trobill your (l) with forder lettir, bot committis your (l) to god.—Be your (l) at power and service, James Creichtoun, messinger.

[Address cut off.]

Letter from THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 8th March 1585-6.

My lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioune, heiring that your (l) is chosin ane freind for me lord Settoune to treit vpone the maters, different betuixt his (l) and his brother, and becaus I persaue for weychte and grawe maters, that me lord eglintoun hes presentlie in hand, his (l) may nocht presentlie be at the

[1] Perhaps Auchlaun, a farm.

[2] Delay, refuse, or "take the pet."

daye of thair meittings, bot hes writtin to the secreiter in me lord settounis fawor to haif ane freindlie respect to the standing of me lord settouns houss in gud estait, Ewin sa will I maist effecteouslie, howbeit I knaw it be nocht very necessar, dessyr your (l) to schaw your self ane freindlie traveller in thir contraverseis betuixt me lord seattoun and his brether. I knaw weill enuche[1] your accustomet maner of doings for your freindis, and speciallie for thame that ye ar chosin to be freind for, yit I will praye yow, as ye wald do me plesser, ather to bring this to me lord seattounis contentment be your travell and guid consall, or vtherwyiss to prorogat the tyme with fair forme of delaye, and let me lord seattoun be foirsene of the estait of his causs, with your consall how the sam may be best remedit, without it cum vtherwyiss to his contentment. And in this doing I sall addet me to your (l) as gif the same war done to me self, quhen ye may haif power to applye, as knawis god, quha be your (l) keipar. writtin of wrwin[2] this aucht of merche 1585.—Be your (l) assureit at my power,

Bargany.

To the Rgt honoll and his weilbeluifit
me lord off Barnebarrocht.

Letter from Malcolm Fleming to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 12th (perhaps) March 1585-6.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun of seruice, plesit your (l) to wit that I suld haue bene at your (l) the xv day of this Instant, and to haue brocht the syluer with me that your (l) knawis of, till haue sett forvard my causs, quhilk Is betuix your (l) and me. My lord, ye sall vnderstand that I Is at sum deseyss of seiknes, and Is ewill handillit tharwith at this present, and, gif I haid eschepat the samin, I had keipit day appointit till haue furneist the foir said promeiss, and yit sall assone as I salbe able to trauell, quhilk I think salbe schortlie, godwilling, that Is within ten or twelf dayes heirefter. thairfoir I will desyre your (l) to do for me In

[1] Enough. [2] Irvine.

that causs as your (l) does for your (l) awin, and leif na thing vndone that may be hurtfull vnto me In that causs, and quhat charges your (l) bees In debursing for the samin, it salbe thankfullie gewin to your (l) contentment, with wther plesouris and seruice that lyes In me to do to your (l), as your (l) will comand. My lord, your (l) man apardoun me of my hammelie stett and chargeing, for I man vse your (l) as ane greit frind and maister till manteine me In all my honest caussis, and I to be the serwand, as your (l) will command; and this I thocht guid till aduerteiss your (l) In respect of my diseiss, and your (l) anser quhat your (l) thinkis to be doine ferder nor your (l) and I hes conferrit vpon. referrand the rest to your (l) visdome and aduerteisment, committand your (l) to the protexion of the almyti. writtin of quhithern, the xij day of this Instant.—Be your l assurit seruand at command,

Malcom flemyng in cradow.

To the Rycht honorable My lord of our
souerane l cessioun of barrinbaroch.

Letter from MALCOLM FLEMING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 7th March (perhaps) 1585-6.

My Lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatione and sirveiss, I haif resavit your Lordschip vryting, and doine my delygenace thayrintill anentis the mony, at[1] the lard of brochtone promesit to you; for he is desavit qwha promesit to him; for Robein agordone, sone to the guidman of barskewthe, is the stay of it, for he haiss ane sowme of mony he stayis to geif to the Lard of Logane be promeiss maid sen you (L) departing of this contray the quhilk your ladie can vryt my delygence thayrinto. mayr, my Lord, ye sall vnderstand that I sum part desapuntit my self be promeiss maid vnto me, the quhilk I lokit for at my guidfader hand, master malcome, qwha promesit me L pund[2] of my mony, quhilk I sould a had at your (l), becauss that sowme is pertinand to my motheris lyfrent, qwha promesit to soport the said sowme, the quhilk is the stay of my comming sa sone as I tocht[3] to haif

[1] That. [2] £50. [3] Thought.

bein, and visis,[1] qwha promesit me till avance that sowme, and mayr at the present for by.[2] My lord, ye sall apardone me for that causs, and thayrfor, my lord, I leif[3] of na thing at[4] lyis in my power to provyd the said sowme, quhilk I believe sall be at your (l) or your departing of the towne; for geif I had not belevit in thame, qwha maid promessis, the sowme sowld bein at your (l) or now be vther menis, the quhilk I am presentlie in handis vit, and haiss a part of the said sowme in redinass, and sall obtein the rest schortlie; and thayrfor my Lord leif no thing vn doine that may be hurtand to me in that causs, for qwhat profeit your (L) gefis for samekill mony to set forvart the same in the mene tyme, I sall thankfullie recompanse it to your (l) vit my sirveiss and pover, not trobilland your (l) farder vryting at this present, bot remittis the rest to your (l) vysdome and meting, quhilk sall be schortlie god vylling. committand your (l) to the protektion of almytie god. of vigtone, the vii day of merche.—Be your (l) assurit siruand,

Malcolm fleming in cradow.

To ane Ry^t^ honorabill and my Lord of our souerane
Lordis schesione of barnbaroche.

Letter signed MORTON to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st March 1585-6.

My Lord, efter my very hertlie commendationis, Sum of the cautionaris, quhilk his ma^tie^ first nominated, vpon ane hid malice and envy quhilk they have borne to my gude estait, quhilk Lang haith Lurkit within thair breistis, at lenth now is Sythit[5] be thair denyll to becum cautioun for me, I being baith myndit honestlie to keip thame harmeles of all pane of dainger, and obligatyng my selff and my landis to the same effect, albeit they war in diuerss respectis obligated to me, if I had chargit thame with ane maitter of greitter importance and dainger, quhilk vnkyndnes being rehearsit to his ma^tie^, it hes plessit his hienes to nominate your ll and my lard Setoin to be adjvnit with

[1] Wishes. [2] Forbye, besides. [3] Leave.
[4] That. [5] Satisfied.

my vther cautionaris, quhilk his alredy subscryuit the band. Quhairfoir I mon maist hertlie pray your ll, as I salbe redy to acquyte your ll with the lik curtasie, that albeit hithertillis I haue nocht had occasioun to kyith[1] my willing mynde to do your (ll) honor and plesser as glaidlie, I wald that your (ll) will schaw me freyndship as to becum cautioun, quhairby my present warde may be chayngeit to the towne. In the quhilk your (ll) sall addet me to pleser you in that I can when ye sall charge, and with goddis grace my lyfe sall gang or your (ll) be drownit in the borrowgait. I feir if your ll and my lord Setoin deny this, his ma^{tie} will think avill on my pairt. Swa I committ your (ll) to the almychty god. Off Ed^{r} castell the xxi day of merche, 1585.—Your ll very assured freynd,

Mortoune.[2]

To my rycht trustie and assureit freynd
My lord of Barnebarroch.

Letter from Ninian Adair of Kinhilt, Younger, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, probably 15th April, and about 1586.

My Lorde, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I have ressavit your (L) wreting, and persavis that the comprysing of kinnoquher hes tane gude effect be your (L) gude ayde, and that your (L) wretis to me to be out throw againis the sonday efter pace.[3] my lorde, ye knaw that my furthcuming can do lytill, the Justice clerk[4] beande absent, bot sa sone as the Justice clerk cumis home, and that all vther thingis be in redines to the confirmatioun and passing of the seilis,[5] I salbe thair at your (L) plesor. ffarder quhair ye wrete to me of the gude man of barskeochis[6] thowsand pundis, I sall satisfie yow in that be resonne to your (L) awin contentment, as the beirare hereof sall declair yow,

[1] Show or prove.

[2] John, Lord Maxwell, had been created Earl of Morton. The title was revoked by the king on 9th February 1584-5, and he was restored in the Parliament on 4th December 1585. He was imprisoned for three months at this time for professing the Roman Catholic religion and attending mass.—*Hist. James* VI.

[3] Easter. [4] Sir Lewis Bellenden. [5] Seals. [6] William Gordon.

quhome to It will pleis your (L) to give credit. farder your (L) sall wit that the lairde of Bass hes chargeit me and Christine Adair to enter him as vassall to certane landis of kinnoquhare, as ye may persave be the charge, and my ansser to him, quha had his power, the quhilk your (L) mone advyse with bayth with maister Jo^{ne} scharpe, and (M) Alex^{r} King, that we be nocht preiudgit be It. ffarder your (L) mon speik eirnestlie to Jone Halyday to have furth the proces with diligence, lyke as I have wretin to him to the same effect, with the secunde takin to mak all thingis be done with diligence. Nocht ellis, bot your (L) will give credite to the beirare, and god preserue yow. with my hartlie commendatiounis to my ant, your bedfallow. ffrome Drummoir, the xv of this instant, Be your (L) eme and friend at power,

Niniane Adair of Kenhelt younger.

To the ry^{t} honorable and his speciall
eme Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarrocht
Knycht this be Delyuerit.

Relief from Taxation granted to Sir Patrick Waus as a Judge, 30th April 1586.

To the richt hono^{ll} the collector of the taxationis grantit to our Souerane Lord in tyme bygane or to cum, and to the Sereff of wigtoun, and your deputis, greting in god euerlasting: I testifie and makis knawin vnto yow be thir presentis That all the senatouris of the college of iustice ar fre, and exemit fra pament of all taxationis of thair landis and heretaige, as alsua of thair benefices, being vnder prelaciis. And thairfoir it sall not be neidfull That ye charge Ser patrick waus of barnbarrauch knycht, being ane of the saidis senatouris, for ony taxationis of his landis or benefices belanging to him self vnder prelaciis. Seing at the hering of your compt his part wilbe diffesit, and allowit to yow be reason of his said exemptioun. In witness heirof I haue subscriuit this present with my hand, At halyruid-hous, the Last Day of April, the yeir of god 1m v^{c} four scoir sex yeris.

Alexander hay.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick Waus]—my relefe fra all taxationis subscrivit be the clerk register.

Letter from Dame Anna Keith, Countess of Argyle, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 5th May 1586.

My Lord, efter my verray hairtlie commendatioun, according the commoning, the quhilk was betuix vs in Ed[r] anentis the disposition of the Landis of quhithorn, and eftir my cuming to this toun of streveling, I haif spokin my dochter my lady murray[1] thairintill, quha is contentit that ane day be appoyntit for ending of the same, quhilk scho vald viss to be the xxiiii day of Junij nixt, quhair that my lord of dovn and vthairis freindis salbe present in ed[r] to kep the same, quhilk I doubt nocht bot your (ll) will do gudvill to keip lykviys, giff your leasar may serve. And in this manetyme desyris your l to speik the Lord of lochinvair[2] anentis the vthair purpois ye knaw, And to send me Anser thairof agane with the nixt commodius berar, or at the lest at your awin cuming to ed[r]. Thus I thocht gud to aduertiss yow. Sua for the present to forthair occasion, And your anser agane quhat I may leuke for, I committ yow to god. frome streveling the v of May 1586.—Your ll assuret gud frend at power, Annas keyt.

To my lord of Barnbarroch this be delyuerit.

Letter from Andrew Ker of Fauldonside to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 8th May (perhaps) 1586.

My lord, efter my veray hairtly commendatioun, pleis your (l) my brother robert caer hes ane actioun depending befor your (L) aganis James sinclar in edomstoun; And becauss I am stayit be my vairding[3] that I can nocht labour for the forderance of my brotheris just causs, I am movit to be this haimlie

[1] Margaret, Countess of Murray, elder daughter of James, Earl of Murray, Regent of Scotland, and wife of James Stuart, Lord Doune, who became in her right second Earl of Murray.

[2] Sir John Gordon (see Lord Murray's letter, 11th December 1586).

[3] Imprisonment.

with your (l), maist hartly dessyring your (l) to furder the said causs according to Justice. the particularis of the saming this berar, my soun, will discarss at greitare lenthe to your (l), quhom to it will pleis your (l) gif credit. sua for the present committis your (l) to the protexioun of the almichtie god. off blaknes this viii day of May.—Your (l) at povar to command,

Andro Caer of fawdonsyde.[1]

To my lord the laird of barbarrach
this be delyuerit.

Letter from Ninian Adair of Kinhilt, Younger, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 11th May (probably) 1586.

My Lorde, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your (l) wreting, and persauis be the samen ye haue referrit credite to the beirare. And as concerning sindrie heides, quhilkis I lipinit to him to haue commownit to your (l), I persaife ye haue agreit vpone nane except ane onlie heid, quhilk is that your (l) is content to discharge James maccullochis gudsone of balyet of fyve hundreth merkis, I takane the lairde of kirk of yow, and paying him the dewtie out of the cleine, as the vse is, my self. And gif your lordschipe be content of this, ye mone adverteis me thairof in wrete, quhairthrow I may mak certaine with James m'cullocht and his gudesone. And as to the rest of the heidis, I remitte thame to your (L) meiting and myne, quhilk salbe vpone your (l) adverteisment, howsone my Lorde Justice clerk cumis hame. Nocht ellis, bot your (L) will haue my hartlie commendationis to my ant, your bedfallow, and to your sone; with your anser in wrete. and god preserue your (L). ffrome Dunskey, the xi day off maij. Be your (L) eme at powar, Niniane adair of kenhelt younger.

[1] Andrew Ker of Fauldonside was the husband of the widow of John Knox, and a man of note and influence in his time. The editor has not found any record of his imprisonment; but on 13th August 1586 he complained to the Council, of oppression by Francis, Earl Bothwell, in a matter between John Ker, his brother, and Sir James Sinclair of Hirdmestoun.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iv., p. 96.

farder your (L) mone be sa gude as to take the painis to sie that we be nocht preiudgit be the lairde of baser (?),[1] for his sute is vnresonable, as (M) Allex[r] king and wame weir will gif your (L) information. for I desyrit the sicht of his evident, quhairvpone I sould serrue him, or the sicht of his retour, quhairwith he wes seruit as air lawchtfull to his predicessour; quhilk his officiar refuisit, and I tuik instrumentis thairvpone, quhilk instrumentis (M) Allex[r] king will schaw your (L).

To the rycht honorable and his speciall
eme Ser patrik vauss of barnbarroch
knycht this be delyuerit.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick]—"The layrde of kynheltis vreit anent the charge of the v[c] merkis I haif vpon vad (?) for kirk-caffes v[c] merkis of the clennarrys.

Letter from Dame Katherine Herries, Lady Garlies, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 11th May 1586.

My Lord, efter my hartlie and luiffing commendatioun, pleis your l, my husband hes vreten to me to keip ane tryst the 15 of this instant in Wigtoune, apointit betuix your l and my sone. of the fayth and credeit of ane crestane voman I am nocht abill at this present to ryd thre myll nocht the les I heafe vretin thame bayth to keip ane tryst in kirkcudbricht betuix my sone and me vithin xiiij dayis, or soner, for ane, and diuerss ma, materis of consequence extendis to my grat hurt. heirfoir I will bayth requist and pray your l, to do me that profetabil pleser as to keip the samyne, that I may haife your friendlie and secreit consell in sick thingis as I may nocht nominat in vrit; for your (l) consell and furderrenss hes done me at all tymes exceptabill pleser, quhilk sall neuer be forgot; and that all thingis salbe done to your contentment that your l will, that in me lyis, that ar betuix ws; and gif it may stand with your (l) contentment, I would deser your (l) to gar adverteiss thame bayth gif your (l) wilbe thair; and gif that my sone will keip the samyne, and gif I be lewinge, with goddis grace that day I salbe thair. Lat thes

[1] ? Bass (see letter, 15th April 1586, p. 352).

na wyis apeir ane excuis to your (l), for of my treuth your (l) sall neuir find it ane singe[1] in me quhill I haif lyfe that pleser in me lyis to your (l). I sall bring sick freindis thair as I ma wse consell of, and salbe bund anenteis the finisching of all descrepance betuix your (l) seruand villie Dunbar and me, nocht doutane bot thes ye your (l) will do, that all deference may be put to end, and that I may meit your l face to face, quhilk I maist deser of ony lord or freind leivinge, liyk as your (l) hes, and may haife, power euer to command to the end, as knawis the almyte god, to quhais keipinge I commit your (l). frome dalsuentioun, the xi of maii, 1586.—Be your l assurit at the wter maist of my power,

Dame kathrene hereiss, Lady garleise.

ffarder, pleis your, my minister your l buikit in anno foirskoir foir, is informit that he is nocht buikit, and he nayther can get the letteris resignatioun, nor payment of the parsoun for want thairof; quhairfoir your (l) man help to get him buikit agane, and letteris gif he be omittit, or ellis he will get nathinge of the parsoun, and he is the seruand I may nocht want, nor the pareschoune; seinge he is nocht abill to ryd him self, your (l) man send out with the first sum ernest letir for his buikinge, lyk as me lord hamiltoune hes done to the secreter and the clerk of register; bot I traist your l requiest man do the turne, and[2] he be vnbuikit. this I pray your l remember, for he is ewill done to, and he will do your l seruand with hartlie seruice, and guid mynde for your l kyndness past done to hime.

[The following Bond was substituted for one in which Sir Patrick, with others, was cautioner for the Earl of Morton in 100,000 merks.]

Bond for 20,000 Merks by the Earl of Morton and Cautioners, dated 12th, 13th, and 14th May 1586.[3]

At haliruidhous the twentie sevint day of maij the yeir of

[1] Sign, characteristic.

[2] An, if.

[3] Registered 27th May 1586.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, vol. iv., p. 76.

god ane thousand fyve hundreth four scoir sax yeiris. The Quhilk day in presens of the lordis of secrete counsall comperit personalie Johne erle of mortoun lord maxwall for him self, and as procurator for his cautionaris under wretin, and gaive in the obligatioun and bond under wretin, desyring the same to be actit and registrat in the buikis of secrete counsall To haif the strenth of ane act and decreit of the lordis thairof. Quhilk desyre the saidis lordis finding resonable hes thairfoir ordanit and ordanis the said obligatioun to be actit and registrat in the saidis buikis, of the quhilk the tenor followis: Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris, WE Johne erll of mortoun, lord maxwell, as principall, and Edward maxwall fear of lamyngtoun and S^{r} Robert maxwall of dynwiddie, knicht, as cautionaris and souerteis for me, to be bundin and obleist, and be the tennour heirof bindis and oblesis us, conniunctlie and seueralie, that I the said erle of mortoun be my self and all that I may lat sall anser and mak redress for all attemptatis alredie committit be thame in ony tyme bygane aganes trew men sen his hienes last parliament haldin at linlithgw vpone the tent day of december last bypast. And siclyk sall enter the persones of sic as I am debtbund to anser for vpone the generall band befoir the wardane Justice or his deputis. Or els do my exact diligence aganes thame conforme to the generall band and under the panes specifeit thairintill. And in respect it hes plesit our soverane lord the king to freith and releive me, the said Erle and my cautionaris,[1] of our band maid under the pane of ane hundreth thousand markis for my remaning and keiping of trew waird within the burgh of edinburgh and ane myle thairabout, That thairfoir I the said erle of mortoun and my cautionaris

[1] See Morton's letter of 21st March 1585-6. A bond of caution in 100,000 merks by "Johnne, Earl of Mortoun, Lord Maxwell, as principal, and Robert, Lord Seytoun, Sir Patrick Vause of Barnbarroch, James Douglas of Drumlangrig, and Edward Maxwell, fiar of Lamyngtoun, as sureties, that the said Earl, on being relieved furth of the castle of Edinburgh, where he is at present in ward, shall immediately repair to the burgh of Edinburgh, and keep ward in the same till freed by the king," was registered 22d March 1585-6. This bond reduces the amount of caution to 20,000 merks, and extends the limits of his "ward" to four miles round Edinburgh.

forsaidis to be bundin and obleist, conniunctlie and severalie, that I the said erle sall keip trew waird within the said burgh of edinburgh and four mylis thairabout, and nawayis transcend the saidis boundis without his maiesties speciall licence vnder the pane of twentie thousand markis. And I the said Johne erle of mortoun oblesis me to warrand and releive my saidis cautionaris of the premisses, And of all pane and danger that thay sall happin to sustene thairthrow, And for the mair securitie I and my saidis cautionaris ar content and consentis that thir presentis be actit and registrat in the buikis of secreit counsall, and decernit to haif the strenth of ane act and decreit of the lordis thairof, with executorialis of horning or poynding to pas thairvpone in forme as efferis, And for registering heirof makis and constitutis euery and ilk ane of thame, conniunctlie and severalie, our procuratouris to the effect above wretin. In witnes quhairof I, and my cautionaris above wretin, hes subscryuit thir presentis with our handis At Edinburgh, lamyngtoun, and tynvell, the xij xiij and xiiij dayis of maij, the yeir of god ane thousand fyve hundreth fourscoir sax yeiris, Befoir thir witnesses maister archibald makclellane, Johne edzear, harbart maxwall charlis maxwall williame maxwall and andro baillie. Sic subscribitur mortoun, Edward maxwall fear of lamyngtoun S^{r} Robert maxwell of dynwiddie Charlis maxwell witness, andro baillie witness, harbart maxwall witness, Williame maxwall witness, Maister archibald makclellane witness, Johne edgear witness, Extractum de libro actorum secreti consilij S. D. N. regis per me Joannem hay clericum deputatum ejusdem sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus. Joannes hay.

Letter by James Stewart, Lord Doune, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 24th August 1586.

My Lord and cousing, efter my verray hartlie commendationn, I writt to yow oft and dyueris tymes of before, and with ane callit Johnnie Kennedie dwelland in the cowgait of edinburcht, as lykwyiss I derectit ane lettre to yow with the M^{r} of Cassillis concerning the alienatioun of the landis of Quhitherne, pertening

to my sone and guid dochter my lord and Lady Murray, quhilk thai ar haill myndit and will dispone and annalie,[1] as I schew you, and that for the redemptionn of sum vther landis adiaceant in this cuntray at mertymes nixtocum without ony further delay, And as yitt hes nevir ressauit na anser of yow quhatt your mynd is to do thairin; Albeit I have stayit thaim of ony proceding with ony man, or entering in ony communication in that purpoiss to this hour, till I had ressauit your anser. Notwithstanding there is dyueris quha hes bene and is daylie suitane to have ado thairwith, sic as the Laird of knokdolean[2] and ane callit Flemyng and utheris, quha offeris to delyver present syluer in dew tyme afore Martymes to do ony lesum turne thai haue ado; Thairfore, in respect I haue delayit thaim solang awayting upon your anser, I pray yow and that with all diligence ye forder me anser of the vtermaist of your mynd what ye ar myndit, or will do, thairin, for I can stay them na langer seing the tyme of warning before the said terme is approacheand neir. And gif the samen beis annaleit[1] to utheris personis, I dout nocht bott ye will have me appardonit of my dewetie, and think that I have done thairin as becummis me in staying the samen salang. This is only upon your anser, on to the quhilk I remit all uther thingis; Luiking for the samen with all guidlie expedition, committis your L to the protectioun of the eternall god. writtin ffrome Down in menteyth the xxiiii day of August 1586.—Your L verray assurit Cousing to his power,

James Stewart.

And desyris that ye haue anser heir within ten dauyis quhat ye will do or ellis we will nocht luik thairfore And the wyit[3] sallbe in your self gif ony he in Scotland gettis it by[4] yourselff. Bott we may mak na langer delay and may haue the haill sowme in dew tyme agane the said terme.

To his verray guid Lord and cousing
My Lord of Barinbarro.

[1] Alienate.
[2] Robert Graham of Knockdolian.
[3] Blame.
[4] Except.

Letter from JAMES ADAMSON, Minister of Whithorn, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 2d September 1586. [Holograph.]

My Lord, efter hartlie salutatioune in the Lord Jesus, Pleis your (ll) remember that I cravit the Lend of the expositioune of Gualter vpoun the actis of apostillis, Quhairfoir I mon be sa hamelie as to burthein your (ll) with the Lend thairof, and deliuer the sam to this berar; And quhen your (ll) hes to do thairvithe agane I sall redelyuer the said buik at your (ll) desyre. Prayand your (ll) to hald me apardonit of this my hamelie requeist; This nocht doutting, bot your (ll) will do, committis your (ll) to the protectioun of god. ffrome quhitherne, the secund day of September 1586.—Youris (ll) to be commandit in Christ efter power,

Maister James Adamsone minister at Quhithorne.

To the Richt honorable Sr patrik Waus of Barnbarroch knycht Lord of Sessioune.

[The following curious letter has neither address, signature, or date, but as the death of "my lord off new bottill" is spoken of as recent, and Mark Ker, abbot of Newbattle, died in 1584, it is inserted here. It is in the same handwriting as that of Lady Forbes, dated 21st April 1585, page 327.]

Part of a LETTER without signature or address, date after 1584.

My lord, my housband is maid to play the part off ane mvrderer, and fyr raser, and covmmoun opressor, besyd gryt slauchteris and spulyear. I meyne to satisfie for all sic thingis as giff it haid bene done be him selff, all thir vrangis done on him and his, quhilk he is decernit to satisfie for. besyd the discharge off his awin part, and the burding taking on him for the laiff, he is constranit to find cautioun for the violent possession of rovmis, quhom off the men haid newir nane haldine off him, quhom off sum men hes dischargit thair bluid and geir frelie, peteand[1] my lordis causs and the estait he stuid in. The secund rank hes dischargit with conditionis, sum for stedingis, and sum

[1] Pitying.

for geir, to be presentlie giffin in hand to thame. The third rank hes refuissit aluterlie[1] to discharge, and thinkis to tak thair tym on him, and agre with the adwerser to preserve him, quha suld haue him to thair warrand, and wil find him sa to be, giff this extremetie haldis fordvart vssit on him. Lat the varld juge giff my lord be opressit, quha is abil to byd the kingis Law for ony crym that may be laid to his charge but[2] respit or remission sen he vas ane yeir ald, giffand him ane onsuspect asyss, gen thair is na fordir to be laid to his charge, except only the nocht fulfilling off the kingis decreit, quhilk lay na fordir in his povar to do nor I haue abone wretine. And yit it vas tane on, sair aganis his will, at the kingis hichnes request and special command, giffine be the mouth off my lord ogilbie[3] that Leiffis, and my lord off new bottill[4] that last deceissit. fair promeissis vas maid giff he wald obey, and gryt threittningis giff he refuissit, he craiffit only contenewance[5] quhill he mycht awyss with his freindis; that was refuissit to him, And now that is the grytest querrell his freindis beiris, that he submitit by[2] thair consall, quha was partaker with him in all trubillis that fel on him for the kingis causs, sa aucht thair consall to haue bene haid in the submissioun. . . .

Letter from the Earl of Morton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 14th September 1586.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendationis, I resauit your L letter anentis the gudis tane be the men off weir, quhilk wer takand in England be William Dunbar your servand. I remember verie weill of my wryting to your first request concerning Willie Dunbar that I wuld owirse[6] him for a tyme, making me knawing of the number. sen the quhilk wryting he hes tane in England mony kye and oxin, and laitly now being takand away ane gretar number by[2] my knawlege, the kingis men of weir

[1] Utterly. [2] Without.
[3] James, sixth Lord Ogilvy, succeeded his father in 1549, and died in 1606.
[4] Newbattle. Mark Ker, Abbot of Newbattle, died in 1584.
[5] Delay. [6] Oversee.

hes challancit[1] the gudis, and he hes componit with the Capitane thairfor, and tane the gudis in England; swa the mater is composit be him and the men of weir, that I can nather hynder thame, nor helpe him forther thairanent, be reason bayth he and thay wer contentit swa to do In my awin presence. quhair throw your L will please to haue me excusit that I can nocht heirin satefy your last request, quhairof I am evill pleaseid. Resting to truble your L forther, I commit yow to god. Drumfres this xiiij of September 1586.—Your L veray loving freind for ever, Mortoune.

To my verie gude lord my lord of Barn(barrache).

Latter part of a Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, October 1586.

ffarther as conserning the tuae hundrethe markis that ye wreit for, that my mother and mindoirk suld haue payit your (l), I schew mindork your letteris, quhaeis ansuer was that he was nocht samekill adettit to yow, bot he said he suld cum to Ed[r] and compt with yow, and according to your compt and his hie suld wreit to me to maik yow peyment; and gif in caice that ye and hie agrie vpone comptis, I wald ye suld get my motheris letteris to pey yow, alsweill as his, vtherwayis I cain nocht weill gif it onless I offend hir, quhilk I beleif ye will nocht wiss me to do. I haue desyirit wilyeme Dunbair command your servandis in your name to bie redye to ryd to drumfreiss with me to the meting of the luftenent,[2] and this I haue done of my self, quhilk I beleif ye will allow; and gif thair bie one[3] neid of sik reidis, ye main send ane command to sik as ye think meit ogin[4] your servandis bie in redines, as occation sall serf. I haue send ouit letteris with your servand david kennatye to charge the maistress of wchiltrie to maik peyment of the seruing of crugeltone castell of the four scoir fyf yeir, quhilk I will desyir yow sie done, albeit ye suld seme to misken the doing of it. dawed[5] cain declair to your (l) quhat way schoe hes socht in my contrar.

[1] Challenged. [2] Summoned for 3d December 1586. [3] Ony, any. [4] Against, by the time. [5] David Kennedy.

this mekill eftir I had closit your vther letteris, suae commitis yow to god.—Your assurit freind at my power, Garleis.

To the rycht hono[ll] and my speciall gud
freind the Lord of Barnbarrache.

Letter from Lord Murray to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 11th December 1586.

My lord, after my verray hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your (l) letter, and vnderstandis be the berar the paynis your (l) tuik wyth the Lard of louchinvar[1] and lyncluden[2] for ending with the tennentis the vard and mariage of sanquhair,[3] for the quhilk I thank your (L); and besyd quheneuer your (L) pleasis to put me to charge salbe fund reddie to acquyt your (l) guid vill. quhair your (L) vreittis that the first commoning maid betuix ws anentis the landis of the priorie of quhythorne is alterit in tua poyntis, to wyt the payment of sowmes, and of the expensis of the presept of clare constat, as to the first, I thoucht neuer to haif haid less at vitsunday nixtocumis nor four thousand markis, and the vther thousand at mertimes nixtocumis, in respect of the turne I haif ado aganis witsunday nixtocumis for redemyng of the landis of barnhul, and thairfor your (L) man nocht tak it in ony vther part bot that I man haif the four thousand markis at vitsunday, and to that effect hes causit fill the contract; and as to the precept of clare constat, I haif send yow wyth the berar my obligatioun of tua hundreith markis to be dischargit, of the laist thousand markis, quhilk is mair nor euer my Ladie airgyll wald haif don; thairfor I haif send the contract agane to your (l) subscriuit to be registraid, quhairin I haif gretar caus to allege the alteratioun of the commoning; for attour the first commoning betuix ws, ye cravit the confirmatioun and the

[1] Sir John Gordon. [2] Mr Robert Douglas, Provost of Lincluden.

[3] Robert, sixth Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, son of Edward, fifth Lord, and Margaret, daughter of Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig, was born before 1571, when his mother contracted a second marriage. The gift of his marriage had probably been given to the provost (or prior) of Lincluden, who was selling it to Lord Murray.

reuersion, quhilk was conuenit wpoun at the begynning; yeit I vill nocht stand thairwpoun, bot villes your (l) to kepe to me, lyk as I sall fulfill all conditionis be your (L). I haif villit the berar to mak my last effer to lyncluden tuiching the mariage of sanquhair, quhairof I vill nocht rebait ane Joyt, quhilk he vill communicat to your (L) wyth sic vther thingis as concernis the contract betuix ws. and sa for the present remitting the rest to his declaratioun, committis your (l) to god. ffrome castell downe, the 7 of december, 1586.—Youris L guid freind at pouer, Murray.[1]

To my verray guid L Ser patrik Wauss Vauss of barbarroche kny^t ane of the senatouris of the college of Justice.

Letter Mr J. GRAHAME to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably about 12th December 1586.

It may pleiss your ll witt, that I vnderstand be swm moyen that my ladye[2] will end with your ll, and It is determinat to the sam effect, nochtwithstanding It be maid strange, ffor sa was hir wmquhill husbandis[3] direction left to hir (ll). Quhairfoir handle hir warlie, and yitt hald gangan, quhen it is gangan, giff aye ressonable conditioun be offerit. I wald wiss your (ll) giff three thowsand markis, nochtwithstanding your bedfallow thinkis it our mekle; ffor, vpoun my ladyis aduertesment, quyetlie I travellit with hir to lern owt your (ll) mynd yitt I fynd I was mett with lyik craft I brocht, and In werity deid In case I had lernit off your (ll) said bedfallow aye thing mycht proffeit my ladye,[2] I wald nocht haiff maid my maistres foirsene thairoff; yitt my paneis is, that be aye thing I haiff aduantageit my self. I haiff written to my ladye,[2] and vtheris my freyndis, abowt my lord[4] and hir (ll), And I am maist assurit nane wilbe ane hinderer, but rather ane furtherar and In case your (ll) fynd it

[1] Earl of Murray, in right of his wife, the eldest daughter of Regent Murray (*ante*, p. 354). He was the eldest son of Lord Doune, and was known as the "Bonnie Earl Murray."

[2] The Countess of Argyle, widow of the Regent Murray, and now of Colin, Earl of Argyle.

[3] Colin, Earl of Argyle, who died in September 1584.

[4] Probably Lord and Lady Murray.

nocht sway I wald be glaid to lern thame owt, ffor it may happin they imploye me in the lyik ado. Haiffin na vther occasioun, eftir I haiff assurit your (ll) off the beraris gudwill, and eftir my haill commendatioun of seruice presentit, I commit your (ll) to god off Ed^r^, this setterday, In haist.—your (ll) awin assurit to be commandit with seruice, Mr J. Grahame.[1]

To the rycht ho^ll^ the lard of barnbarrowcht ane of the senatouris off our souerane Lordis college off Justice.

Letter from Sir JOHN DUNBAR of Mochrum to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1586. [Holograph.]

My lord efter my maist hartly coimmandatiownis, I am informeit be my serwand, iameis[2] mowir,[3] that yowir loirdscheip hes stand as ane freind in my afairis, that I heif ado presently, quhilk I maist hartly thaink yow, me lord, of yowir gudwill, and gif ye vill schairg[4] me, I sall do yoir loirdschip as grait plesowir, gif ye vill schairge me, and I pray yow, me lord, that ye vill be sa gud is to stand as ane freind in this kawis[5] betowix me and gairleis, for the awild[6] freindscheip that heis bein betowix my gudsowir[7] and yow. me lord, that yowir l vill sie I get na vraing,[8] quhilk I lowik, me lord, that ye vill do, is[9] ye sall find me redie to do yow plesowir and swa committis yoir l to the michtie protextiown of god. of mochrum, the xxvi day of this instant, be yowirs ascowrit freind at powar, Mochrum.[10]

To the rycht honorabill, and his speciale gude lord,
S^r^ patrik Vaus of barnbarroch knycht.

Letter from LORD MURRAY to Sir PATRICK WAUS, 16th December 1586.

My Lord, after my verray hartlie commendatioun, the berar heirof my servand hes Lattin my Lord my father and me sie the

[1] Of Knockdolian. [2] James. [3] Muir.
[4] Charge. [5] Cause. [6] Auld, old.
[7] Goodsire. [8] Wrong. [9] As.
[10] This is probably Sir John Dunbar, who succeeded his father, Alexander, in 1585.

minit of the contract to be performit betuix your (L) and me, quhairin your (L) hes notit in the margyne tua heidis by and attoure the first conuening. the first is concerning the termes of the deliuering of the fiwe thousand markis, your (L) desyrand the same to be devydit be deliuerance of thre thousand markis at vitsunday nixttocumis and twa thousand markis at martimes fallowing. the secund note that your L notit was tuiching the enterie of my wyiff as air to hir sister[1] be ane precept of clare constat, for the quhilk your L wald haif sum gratitude, in the quhilkis tak notis, and the rest of the heidis, we haif declarit our mynd at lenthe to the berar, upoun the declaratioun quhairof gif ye pleis to end, I and my father salbe villing to performe. forder becaus Louchinvar is cum in thai partis, with quhome I doubt nocht bot ye haif bene in hand wyth or[2] now, and thairfor haif derectit the berar to end alsveill in that matter[3] as with your self; and this for the present, remitting the rest to the berar, quhome ye sall credyt, I commit your L to god. ffrome castell downe, the xvi of december, 1586.—Youris L guid freind at power,

Murray.

To my verray guid Lord my L of barnbarroch,
ane of the senatouris of the college of justice.

Letter from the Earl of Murray to Sir Patrick Waus,
22d 1586.

My Lord, efter my maist hairtlie commendatioun, haveing ado presentelie with sum siluer, I man desyir your (ll) maist ernistlie to deliuer to this berare Alex[r] Stewart ane hundryth punds, quhilk salbe weill allowit to your (ll) at the ressait of the rest; and my wyiff sall giff hir acquittance vpoun it, becaus I am nocht presente myselff. Swa nocht doutting bot ye vill do this, seing I haiff sik necesser turnis ado with it, and I pray you to giff my wyiff your oppinyioun towart the waird of mariage of sancher, and in all wtheris of hir turnis quhilk scho hes ado.

[1] Lady Errol. [2] Before. [3] The ward and marriage of Sanquhar (see previous letter).

Swa committis your (ll) to god. ffrom Donybirsill the xxii of this instant[1] 1586.—Your vary assurit frend at all poware,

Murray.

To my verry guid lord my lord of barbara.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE in Whitehills to his Father-in-law, the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 1586.

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun and seruice, and your L be remembrith, your honour promesit me at your departour to haif maid sum wark with the maister Wchiltrie[2] and his mother twyching the quhythillis;[3] and now, my lord, I am aduertesit that your (l) is laborand to get the haill land in few to the lard of garleis. nevir the les I will nocht beleif at[4] your (L) will forget your ant[5] and hir barnis, quhilk man serue your heiris efter I am gane. thairfoir my Lord do for hir and thame as your (L) visdome thinkis guid, for scho hes nane onder god to repois hir apon exsep your (L). ye knaw efter quhat forme hir fathir left hir to your (L), quhilk I am suir ye will nocht forget. farthar I pray your (L), In respek my remissioun wanttis bot the passing of the seillis, at[4] your (L) waid trawell with the pryor of blanter,[6] and get it exsped, and bring it hame with your (L); and quhat euer your (L) promeses for the passing of it I sall se it dischargit within aucht nychtis eftir your (L) cumming hame, and I brouk lyif,[7] and this I man ernistlie request your (L), as ye waid wyn your anttis[5] benysoun, and my hartlie seruice to you and your houss. nocht hawing furthar at the Instant, bot committis your (L) to god, and commend my hartlie seruice to your sone Jhone. be youris serwand and frynd to my wttir pouer,

Alexr mcke in quhychthillis.

To the rycht honorable, and father-in-law,
my Lord of barnbarouch this be delyuerit.

[1] Probably December, but not later than March 1586-7. [2] Ochiltree.
[3] Whitehills. [4] That. [5] "Ant" is evidently used for *niece*.
[6] Blantyre, who was keeper of the Great Seal.
[7] If I enjoy life.

Letter from ALEXANDER M'KIE in Whitehills, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, probably 1586. [Holograph.]

My Lord and father, eftir my hartlie commendatioun and service, I pray your L to haif me in memorie, and exspeid my remissioun or your L cum hame, and as to ony thing your L varis[1] on it I sall maik it out and I bruik lyif[2] as your L will derek. I haif na mair to trwbill your L with, bot quhat I or myne is abill to do of seruice to your L or youris it salbe done to the wttermast of my power without exseptioun of ony man; thairfoir, seing I haif nane to lene to bot your L, lat me se your fauorabill wark in this apon my avin expensis. farder, your L sall wit the maister wchiltrie intendis to put me fra my kyndlie roum, and is playand kyng harst in this feild; thairfor I pray your L get my taik fra his mothir, for I can get na rycht rewle[3] of him, bot planle uies[4] to schut[5] me fra my roum, and thair is nane in this feild at will fynd falt with him in doing me wrang, exsep it be your L. your L kennis what I mein, thairfoir for goddis cause be at poynt vith hir or your L cum hame. nocht ellis, bot god presarue your L in keiping. be your sarvand at power, Alex[r] M'ke in quhythills.[6]

To my lord and father Sir partrik waus
of Barnebarouche knycht.

I pray your L for to remember me and in remembering thairof your L salbe assurit of ane trew sarvand to your hous.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

This is endorsed in Sir John Waus's writing—Ane messiff off Sandei m'keis to my father.

[1] Spends. [2] If I enjoy life, *i.e.*, live. [3] Rule.

[4] Vies, *i.e.*, tries.

[5] Shoot, push. It is used in this sense by Sir James Melville in 1590.

[6] This letter and the previous one are not dated, but Barnbarroch was knighted about 1583; so the remission to which both refer was after that date. M'Kie was ordered to pay £1000 for his brother, under pain of horning, on 30th April 1585.—See *Reg. Privy Coun.* The date thus may be 1586.

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 23d December 1586.

My Lord, eftir my verie hartelie commendationis, it will pleiss yow vnderstand that I haue delyuerit to your servand David kennatye thrie hundreth mark to gif yow for the few of stinock, quhilk silvir it will pleiss you rasaif frae him; and as to the maiking of my securatie of Landis, I refer that to your self; as to the few maillis, I think thai ar specialie contenit in my Lord of murrayis infeftment, lyk as thai ar contenit in my gutschouris[1] Laist nynten yeir taik: to wit sax lib of maill. I refer the doing of all thir thingis to your self. fforther I ame informit that ye haue the Landis of craichdow, and balsmithe, and the Lytill Aryis, as weill as the reist; and, gif suae bie that ye haue thae Landis, I wald ye suild nae wae gif thame to onye of the flemingis, bot keip thame to your self, and maik me pertinair with yow; and gif the flemingis findis ony falt with yow, ye may laye the weit[2] vpoun me, and I sall taik the burding of it vpone me; and this I will affecteuslie desyre yow to do, for seing the Landis at ane compt it is gud to taik tyme, and nocht to cair for thair gudwill that hes ado with it; and as ye get thame, as I haue afoir said, I douit nocht bot ye wilbie the gudfallowe to me, and gif me pairt. ye will do heirin as your wisdome thinkis gud. farther I persaif that Jamme crychtoune[3] hes gottin ane new command of sum of your servandis to summond Daregill[4] of newe agane, quhilk I beleif ye will nocht allowe, for your honour salbie bettir satefiet at hame for ony offence he has done yow nor in ed^{r}. quhairfoir I will requeist yow now, as I haue done befoir, to lait the mater rest to your hamecuming, quhilk I think salbie in marche, and thane hie sall ather satisfe yow as reasone and honour wald, vtherwayis I sall leif him of. I haue stayit Jamme crychtoune to put the letteris to executioun quhill I get your ansuer baik agane, douting nathing bot ye will agrie to this my requeist, as I salbie

[1] Goodsire's.
[2] Wyte, blame.
[3] A messenger-at-arms.
[4] Now Dalreagle.

redye to do the lyk to yow quhene it sall pleiss yow charge. Ye ar verie sueir in wretin of newis, quhilk I will desyir yow to mend; suae, eftir my hartelie commendationis to the ladye your bedfallow, I commit yow to god. At glestone[1] the xxiij daye of december 1586.—Your assurit freind at my power,

Garleis.

To the rycht hono[ll] and my speciall freind
the Laird of barnbarrache.

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 1st January 1586-7.

My Lord, efter my hartelie commendationis, hauing occatioun bie the berar I thocht it gud to lait yow vnderstand of sik materis as I haue ado for the present, and at this tyme the speciall occation that I haue to do is conserning the landis of the grenanne, how I sall cum to thame, for I cain persaif nae guid will of my Lord of mortone; quhairfoir it will pleiss your (l) gif me your oppinion howe I sall cum to the Landis bie him. sumthing of your oppinion Jhone m'gowin schew me, quhilk I thocht werie gud, that wais to causs my emis[2] antone, robert, and william stewartis charge me to entir thame to thae landis, conforme to thair infeftmentis gevin thame bie my umquhile gutschour;[3] ye knawe that antone is depairtit, and his sone hes nather tutouris nor curatoris yeit; and as to robert, I vnderstand hie will do nathing that may plesour me, bot as to Williame hie will do ony thing that I will requeir him; suae this is to bie finelie aduysit with, quhairfoir it will pleis your (l) aduyss with m[r] Jhone scharpe, and taik his oppinion heirin, and as ye and hie thinkis meit I sall follow ouit your counsel and oppinion in to it, for this mater I lippin all haill to yow. this mater may nocht bie lang sleuthit,[4] for I vnderstand my Lord of mortone intends to warne me at witsondaye nixt, suae tyme main bie prevenit befoir warning tyme cum. I haue nocht wretin to M[r] Jhone scharpe in this mater, becauiss I ame nocht sertane

[1] Glasserton.
[2] They were his uncles, younger sons of his grandfather.
[3] Goodsire.
[4] Delayed.

quhidir hie will taik in hand to do for me into it, or nocht, quhairfoir it will pleiss yow confer with him, and gif hie will taik in hand to do for me, I will seik him and nae vther. in the meintyme I wald that I wair chargit bie my father brether to entir thame in thaie landis, according to thair infeftmentis; your wisdome will considir thir thingis, and thaireftir gif your aduiss to the berar, archibald m^{r} (muir). Remember quhat I wret to yow conserning the landis of quhitherne, that the flemmingis haiss. do heirin as ye think gud, and I sall taik my pairt of it, gif it bie your plesour suae to do. suae it will pleis yow aduerteiss me with the first that cumis in throw quhat ye will do heirin. I douit nocht bot ye will aduerteiss me of sik newis as occuris; suae, efter my hartelie commendationis to the Ladye your bedfallow, I commit your (l) to the protection of god. at gassertone the first daye of Jannuarii anno 1586.—
Your l verie assurit friend at power, Garleis.

Ye main send ane command to sum of your servandis to causs the rest of your servandis be redye to ryid to the metin of the luftenant, or sik vther raidis as sall happin, for thai will nocht do onless ye command thame.

To the rycht hono^{ll} and my verie gude friend
the Laird of barnbarrach.

Letter without signature to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 13th January 1586-7.

Pleis your lo I am informit be the guideman of dalsersst my guide freind (To quhome how greatlie I am addettit I neid not to wrete wnto yow), that the action betuixt James cuminghame[1] of Lasmahago and David collas Is now brocht to sic ane poynt, that In cais respect be not haid to guide conscience and the wprychtnes of the said action, the said dauid Is to obteine his Intent, and sua my guide freind wtterlie be wraikit, quhilk Is greatelie to be Regraittit, haifing heirtofoir at all tymes sustenit great honestie. And becaus your guidewill and fauour may stand

[1] James Cunninghame is called pensioner of Lesmahagow.

him (as it hes in tymes bygane) in greate stead, I will requeist yow to do to him (now being wnhable to trawell to solist for him selff) no wtherwyis nor gif the action wer my awin, As ye sall haue me ready to do yow the lyk, or greatter, pleasor as occasion sall serue. This, efter my hartlie commendatioun, committis yow to god. frome Paslay the xiii of Ja^{n} 1586.—Your lo guide freind at power.

[Signature torn off.]

To the rycht hono^{ll} my verray gude lord
Ser patrik Vauss of barnebarrow knycht
Lord of our souerane lordis Sessioun.

Letter from the Master of Orkney to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 28th January 1586-7. [Holograph.]

ffather, efter my verie hertlie commendatiounis, I can wryte no forder to yowr L nor this berar can schaw your l be toung.[1] Bot of ane thing I pray your L, that he be payt of the sowme I wraitt befoir, ffor sen his last cuming heir he hes done me als grit plesoure as ony man can do to ane uther, as ye will confes your selff quhen ye understand it. with my commendationis to your L bedfallow, my lord cassillis, and your beirnes. ffrome birsay the xxviii of Januar 1586.—Your L Sone,

M^{r} of orknay.

To my weile belouit father the lard of Barbarroche, &c.

[This letter is from Patrick, now by the death of his elder brother Henry become Master of Orkney. It seems to show that he had been living in Sir Patrick's family, and that his cousin, the Earl of Cassillis, who had been specially entrusted to Sir Patrick by the king, was still doing so.]

[The following narrative throws light on many of the letters of the next two years:—Mr Peter Young of Seton was one of those to whom the education of King James VI. was entrusted. At the commencement of Morton's

[1] Tongue.

regency in the "Band for the kingis suirtie," dated 27th January 1572-3, it is provided "that the instructioun and educatioun of his Majestie in literature and religioun, under Maisteris George Buchannane and Petir Young his present pedagogis, or sic as salbe heireftir appointit be the said Lord Regent to that charge, aggreing in religioun with the saidis Maisteris George and Petir, sall in na wayis be alterit or innovat."[1] The king at this time was between six and seven years old. On the 3d May 1578, after Morton's resignation of the regency, the same provision as to Maisteris G. Buchanan and Petir Young was re-enacted in the "Ordour for the keping of the King."[2] Before this, on 15th December 1575, these two "preceptouris to the Kingis majestie," with five schoolmasters from five of the principal towns, were summoned to Holyrood House, "to gif thair advise anent that forme of grammer that salbe techit in all the scuillis within this realme in tyme cuming."[3] Mr Young was "Elemosinar to his Hienes,"[4] a commissioner for the reformation of the Universities,[5] and, having been with the king almost from his infancy, was much in his confidence. In June 1585,[6] ambassadors from the King of Denmark had arrived in Scotland to assert their sovereign's claim to the Orkney Isles, and to sound the Scottish Court as to a marriage of one of the king's daughters with James VI., who was then in his twentieth year. They were dismissed in August with a polite answer, and the assurance that the king should send an ambassador of his own "with the first commoditie," to treat of both subjects.[7] "Whereupon" (to quote Sir James Melville's Memoirs) "His Majesty took occasion shortly to send one to Denmark." "I named Mr Peter Young, almoner, as very fit for that errand: who was sent to Denmark, to thank that king, and to see his daughters, that he might make a report again of his liking of them, with a promise that ere long His Majesty would send a more honourable ambassage."[8] "Shortly

[1] Reg. Privy Coun., vol. ii., p. 181.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 689.
[3] *Ibid.*, p. 478.
[4] *Ibid.*, vol. iii., p. 136.
[5] Acts of Parliament, vol. iii., p. 98.
[6] Moysie's Mem., p. 53.
[7] Hist. James VI., p. 211.
[8] Melville's Mem., p. 167.

afterwards Colonel Stuart took occasion to go thither about his own affairs, and "they both returned with so good and friendly answers, that there was little more mention made of the restitution of the Isles of Orkney. The King of Denmark was also put in hope by them that His Majesty would send the next summer an honourable ambassage to Denmark to deal further in these matters."[1] It was on the 20th July 1586 that Mr Young embarked on this errand,[2] and he returned in the autumn of that year. During 1586 no formal embassy was sent: the plague was raging in Scotland; the summer and autumn of the previous year had been very wet and cold, and there was great scarcity and dearth, so much so that it is recorded that many persons died of hunger.[3] At the end of March 1586-7 the king had appointed a convention to be held in April, which was put off till the 10th May, when he "maid ane harrang to his nobilletie and estaites, declairing, . . . thridlie It was thocht guid that ambassadouris sould be sent to Denmark: the laird of Barnbarro and Mr Peter Young, preceptour to the King, wer chosen equall in commissioun, to visit the King of Denmarkis dochter, to brek the maiter, and therefter repoirt to his hienes and estaites," and that thereafter some noblemen should be sent to treat of the marriage.[4] It is evident, however, from the following letters, that the subject had not only been discussed by Barnbarroch and the almoner, but had been settled by the king and his ministers long before the convention was called, for the arrestment of all ships till the ambassadors had secured one, was dated on the 17th of March 1586-7. It is to be noted that in this document Sir Patrick is for the first time styled Baron of the Barony of Mochrum Loch, and lord of our secret council. After long delays they sailed on the 31st May 1587; and an account of their voyage and reception at the Court of Denmark, will be found in the fragment of Sir Patrick's journal. They had hardly set sail when "Mons. Dubardus," an ambassador from France, arrived, and was soon in great favour with the king; and he had a commission to break off (if he could) the

[1] Melville's Mem., p. 171.
[2] Acta Parl. James VI., 1592, cap. 49.
[3] Hist. James VI., p. 216.
[4] Moysie's Mem., pp. 61-63.

negotiations with Denmark, and bring about a marriage with the sister of the "King of Navarre."[1] Queen Elizabeth also favoured this alliance, but her ambassadors were instructed to have the king's marriage deferred for three years.[2] Barnbarroch and his colleague returned to Scotland in August 1587, having done little, and not having had powers to settle anything definite; and very soon after they had left his Court, the King of Denmark promised his eldest daughter in marriage to the Duke of Brunswick.[3] It was intended that another embassy, with fuller powers, should be sent to Denmark early in the following year, and there is a letter from the chancellor (Thirlestane), the address of which is missing, but presumably to Sir Patrick Waus, dated 24th April 1588 from Jedburgh, where the king then was, desiring him to make provision of silver (*i.e.*, money), and to deal for a ship, that he may be ready for his voyage. Mr Young's letter of 19th June shows that the money had been otherwise spent, and no preparations made; but in the meantime the king had sent Lord Tongland, Sir James Melville's brother, to France to see the princess of Navarre, "who became well acquainted with the said princess, and was well treated and rewarded by the king her brother, now King of France, and brought with him the picture of the princess, with a good report of her rare qualities."[4] In the month of August, according to Moysie, Crounar (or Colonel) "Stueuart," who had been several times in Denmark, was sent thither "to sie quhat the king mycht luik for tuitching the marriadge," and "Vpone the xv day of Nov^{r} 1588 the said coronall Steuart arryuit at Scotland from Denmark, declairing that his Majestie sould find all theare at his pleasoure notwithstanding the death of the King of Denmark;" and that the second daughter of the late king would be given on condition that a suitable embassy should be sent there the next year (1589) before the first of May.[5] It was not, however, till the last day of a convention, which began its sittings on the 20th May, that it was decided to send the embassy, consisting of the Earl Marischal, Lord Dingwall, the

[1] Melville's Mem., p. 176. [2] *Ibid.*, pp. 178, 179. [3] *Ibid.*, p. 177.
[4] *Ibid.* [5] Moysie's Mem., p. 70.

Constable of Dundee, and Mr John Skene, advocate;[1] and it was the 18th of June before they sailed on their mission.[2]

[The marriage took place by proxy in the month of August,[3] and it was intended that the queen should immediately come to Scotland.[4] On the 28th August, Colonel Stewart arrived with the intelligence that "the marriadge wes solemniyat betuix his Majestie and the Queen befoir his away comming;"[5] and on the 30th the king issued circulars, of which some are here printed, intimating that the queen was hourly expected, and giving directions for her reception. He was, however, disappointed; neither the queen, nor any news of her, arrived for six weeks, and the weather was very tempestuous. Sir James Melville says "His Majesty had heard they were upon the sea, and was very impatient and sorrowful for her long delay," and "that he could neither sleep nor rest."[6] At last, about the 15th September, Lord Dingwall, who was one of the embassy, arrived in Scotland with the news that he had come in company with the queen's fleet three hundred miles, and was separated from them by a great storm, and it was feared that the queen was in danger on the seas.[7] This anxiety was not relieved till the 10th October, when a ship arrived with messengers from the queen[8] to say that she was safe in Norway, but that the Danish fleet was no longer seaworthy, and had returned to Elsinore, and that she would remain at Upslo until a Scottish fleet came for her. Upon this the king immediately went to lodge at Leith, where he had five ships fitted out with all possible speed, and they were ready on the 19th, and should have sailed, but were storm-stayed till the 22d, when the king himself set sail to meet and claim his bride.[9]

[He took with him a considerable number of his Court, and amongst them the Laird of Barnbarroch.[10] After a rough voyage they landed at "Flaikray" in Norway on 28th October, and

[1] Moysie's Mem., p. 77.
[2] Calderwood, p. 244.
[3] Hist. James VI., p. 240.
[4] Melville's Mem., p. 180.
[5] Moysie's Mem., p. 78.
[6] Melville's Mem., p. 180.
[7] Moysie's Mem., p. 79.
[8] *Ibid.*
[9] *Ibid.*
[10] Calderwood, p. 244.

after some delay, explained by "great travell baith upone sea and land," they reached Upslo on the 19th of November.[1] The king, "immediately at his comming, past quyetlie, with buites and all, to hir hienes. His Majestie myndit to give the Queine a kisse efter the Scottis faschioun at meiting, quhilk scho refusit as not being the forme of hir countrie. Marie! efter a few wordis prively spokin betuix his Majestie and hir, thair past familiaretie and kisses."[1] Upon the 23d of November their marriage was celebrated at Upslo, Mr David Lindsay, minister at Leith, officiating,[1] and the king, having decided not to come home till the spring, sent away his ships and nearly all his followers.[2] "The queen and council of Denmark, being advertised that his majesty was resolved to abide all that winter, sent and requested him to come to Denmark,—whither he went by land with the queen, his new bride, and behaved himself honourably and liberally by the way, and at the Court of Denmark, where he tarried during his abode there."[3] The Lord Dingwall and the Laird of Barnbarroch are stated by Moysie to have arrived at Leith on the 15th December,[4] and the latter during the spring received several letters from friends who had remained with the king. At the end of March the Scottish fleet was sent to bring their majesties home,[5] and they arrived at Leith on the 1st of May, and were received with great joy and much festivity by the nobility of the kingdom, and the citizens of Edinburgh and Leith.[6]]

Letter from Mr Peter Young to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 22d February 1586-7. [Holograph.]

My Lord, I haue obtenit leif of his Majestie to ga hame for sum few dayis. At my leif taking I haue recommendit to his hienes the purpos your Lordship knawis, and hes schawin that primum ver is euen at hand, and that we haue worne threid

[1] Moysie's Mem., pp. 80, 81. Calderwood makes the date of the marriage the 24th.

[2] Moysie's Mem., p. 81.

[3] Melville's Mem., p. 181.

[4] Moysie's Mem., p. 81.

[5] *Ibid.*, p. 82.

[6] *Ibid.*, p. 83.

bair all excuses ellis; that, quhither alliance be mariage be meinit or not, Ambassadouris man be send for the mater of Orknay, gif thair war na mair, onless his Majestie wald inrin the reproche of breking of promeis to ane prince and natioun that makis mekill of plaine dealing. I haue said quhat I can, and hes promesit to be reddy how sune his Majestie pleisis to command me to cum to help to informe sic as salbe send. I pray your Lordship to ga doune and hald his hienes in remembrance. Allace that sa gud ane purpos hes sa few freindis, and that his Majestie hes sa litill caire of himself. My Lord Coronnel[1] will remember for his part, bot he is boune ouer the watter. I spak my Lord Chancellar,[2] and hes rememberit his Lordship asueil of the kingis g(race) promeis be his last wrettis, as of his Lordshipis awin. Hald materis in frame quhill my bakcuming, and I sall relief your Lordship again the best I may. The Lord graunt our deir maister and king to happin apon the worthiest princess that is in the warld for his half marrow. God bliss your Lordship, and send mony sic seruantis to his Majestie. From the Quenis ferry the xxij of februare at xj houris at nicht. —Your Lordshipis awin man, P. Young.

As for my small particularis, gif your Lordship may help thame, do it; Gif not, I sall beir it the best that I may, and salbe neuer the less reddy for ane gud turne to his Majestie, or the common veil, according to my mein pouar.

To the richt honⁿ and my very
gud Lord My Lord of Barnbarrache.

Letter from Lady Barnbarroch to her Husband, 5th March 1586-7. [Holograph.]

Most speciall, efter meist hartle commendatioun, forsamekill ye sall resaif fre this berar, mᶜknakill, tua hunder merkis, and I assuer yow that Jhone Kennady heiss bene alss lesse[3] in

[1] Colonel Stewart.

[2] Sir John Maitland of Thirlestane succeeded James Stewart, Earl of Arran, as Chancellor in the following July.

[3] Lazy.

ingetting of silver as he culd be, and heiss send out with m^c^kedy ane hundreth merkis. and furdar ye sall resaif ane memorandum of Jhone stewarttis to gar reis lettres to him. I pray yow feill nocht bot ye causs sande vauss gange to the pevderriss[1] vith ij quart stoppis[2] that da[3] ma be cassin, and send hame with the taggaris;[4] and seiklyke feill nocht bot ye gar send hame the hard fyche vith the toll man, for I assuir yow ye vilbe bot begyllit with petie stratoun; and geif ye haif nocht coft faggis and ressyngis[5] ye sall lat thame alon, for I vill furneiss my self at hame vith thame that ye haif send hame; and seiklyke I pray yow that ye gar sande wauss get half ane galloun of vennagor, and send hame with the taggaris, and luik (th)at it be fyne; and, geif ye may, I pray yow to remember vpone M^r^ rogger gordoniss besenes, for he heis send silver with m^r^ kedy to do his besseness vith. nocht haifand furdur occation at this present, bot committis yow in to the protectioun of god.

frome barnbarothe the v dy of merche.—Be youris assurrit as knavis god vnto the end, Dame Kathrein Kennady.

To my most speciall eme me lord of barnebarroche.

Letter from Lord John Hamilton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 8th March 1586-7.

Richt honorable, Efter my verie hartlie commendationis, It is menit hevilie to me be ane servand of myne how his father peter polltart is hardlie and extraordinerlie handillit, being awating vpon ane action depending befoir yow in session and past to Interloquitor; quhilk his party adversar, persaving to proceid with him hes vpon fals narrative causit put him be vertew of ane alledgit horning in the tolbuith, Intending thairby to put of this session, sua that he salbe hinderit. Thairfoir I man pray yow, seing ye ar the reporter, to schaw him sum part curtesie for my causs, that he may haif Justice with sic expedition as ye may of Law, considering the puir mannis necessitie and evill handilling, as I salbe reddy to do for yow in ane greter mater, and so I luke for your fauorable deling heirintill, and

[1] Pewterer. [2] Stoups. [3] They.
[4] Probably a proper name, Taggart or M'Taggart. [5] Figs and raisins.

committis yow for the present to god. frome hamilton the viij day of marche 1586.—Your assurit guid freind at powar,

J. Hamilton.

To the rycht honorable the lard of barnbarroch
ane of the senators of the colledge of Justice.

KING JAMES' ARRESTMENT of all SHIPS till the AMBASSADORS have secured such as they want, 17th March 1586-7.

James be the grace of god King of Scottis, To all and sindrie oure lieges and subdites quhome it effeiris, to quhais knawlege thir oure lettres sall cum greting. fforsameikill as we haue now directit oure trustie and wellbelouit counsallouris, S^r^ Patrik Vaus of Barnbarroch knycht, barroun of the baronie of Mochrum loch, lord of oure secreit counsall and sessioun, and maister Peter Young of Seytoun, our maister elemozinare, towarde oure derrest broder the king of Denmark for certan matteris concernyng ws and oure estait, committit be ws vnto thame, And to the effect that, alsweill in thair passing toward the pairtis foirsaidis as returnyng thairfra, thai may be weill and sufficientlie provydit of schippis and veschellis necessare for transporting of thame and thair cumpanie, and to attend on thame at all occasiones necessare, hes thairfoir with aduise of the Lordis of our secreit counsall gevin and grantit, and be the tenor heirof gevis, grantis, and committis to oure saidis counsallouris, oure full power and commissioun, expres bidding, and charge all and sindrie schippis and veschellis, pertenyng to quhatsumewer persones borne subiectis of oure realme, athir within or without the same, quhilkis best and maist convenientlie may serve for the transporting of thame, or ony thair companie, to and fra the saidis pairtis of Denmark, To arreist and caus the samyn be fensit and arresstit, the saillis to caus be tane fra the raais, and the maisteris, skipperis, awneris, and marineris thairof To command to remane and await vpoun thair directioun to the effect foirsaid at all occasiones and tymes neidfull, The persones brekaris of the said arreistment, or disobeying thair commandment, To notifie to ws To the effect thai may be puneist as hinderaris of oure speciall seruice, and contemnaris thairby of

oure authoritie, with all rigor and extremitie. And generallie all and sindrie vthir thingis to do, and caus be done, and vsit, for thair better expeditioun in thair voyage is requyrit to be done; fferme and stabill halding, and for to hald, all and quhatsumewir thingis oure saidis counsallouris sall lauchfullie do and vse heirin; Chargeing, and expreslie commanding heirfoir, yow all and sindrie oure lieges and subdites foirsaidis to concur, fortifie, and assist to thame in executioun and foirtherance of the premissis, and to do nor attempt na thing to thair hinderance in onywyis, As ye, and ilkane of yow, will ansuer to ws vpoun your obedience, and vnder all hiest pane, cryme, and offence, that ye may committ, and inrin, aganis oure maiestie in that behalf. Gevin vnder our signet, and subscryuit with our hand, At Creichtoun the Sevintene day of Marche, and of our regne the tuentie yeir. 1586, James R.

[Countersigned] Thirlestane.

King James Arrestment to serve Sr Patt. Vaus in goeing to and from Denmark 1586.

Letter from Mr Peter Young to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 18th March 1586-7.

My Lord, efter maist hertly commendatioun, I haue gottin the arrestment subscryuit, togidder with the vther lettre for staying of process, and hes delyuerit thame to my Lady your bedfallow, quha hes not bene ydle on hir part sen your Lordshipis departing. I haue obtenit ane vther lettre of arrestment to stay the schips heir, presently maid at his Majestijs awin instance but[1] ony mentioun of ws, quhilk salbe partly put in executioun this same day at Leyth, and thaireftir at Montros, and Dondy, St Androis, and langis all the coste syde, and for that same cause I am instantly to tak ouer Capten Arnot with me. I haue spokkin his Majestie at Creichtoun sen your departing, and hes his hienes promeis that na precept sall pass quhill we be first staikit.[2] My Lord Secretare[3] hes hecht[4] to

[1] Without. [2] Accommodated. [3] Sir J. Maitland, Lord Thirlestane. [4] Promised.

hald his Majestie in remembrance, and to hald hand that we be not preuenit be ony. I am making hame till the first of the nixt, quhair I sall not be onmyndfull of our erand, for I feir my Lord Secretare sall forget, and Mr George[1] alssua. The Clerk Register is besy castin ouer all the register for sic thingis as I haue crauit of him. The skippar was at me again to see gif we wald giue the 1800 merkis, I stude still at the 1000 merkis that your Lordship offrit him; This day we ar to speik farder; I sall not pass the 1200 quhill I see quhat schipping thair is in vther partis. Ye will remember that the gentilmen be cled in blak but[2] cullouris, for sa his Majestie spak vnto me, and my Lord Secretarie baith, sa that sall represente a grauitie, and half ane duill.[3] The gret lang ruffis, and mekil belliis, wald be castin away. This I wret that the gentilmen may be warnit in dew tyme or[4] thay mak thair claiths vtherwayis, as I sall warne myne. I schew your Lordship that the last Abbot of Glenluce had promesit me Hegesippus in Greik, wrettin with hand, and Commentaria Cæsaris Manuscripta siclyk—I wald pray your Lordship to inquyre quha gat his bukis, that thir micht be recouerit yit. War not thay war ald and euilfauorit Jhone Hume of Cumeragane had brocht thame to me; Your Lordship kennis the taile. Because I am pressit to depart for the tyde that is at hand, I will commit your Lordship to God, be quhais grace I traist to be in this toune again the first or secund of the nixt. From Halyrudhouse, this xviij of Mairche 1586.—Your Lordshipis at command for euer. P. Young of Setoun.

To the richt Hon[ll] and my very speciall gud
Lord My Lord of Barnbarrow Lord of his
Hienes preuie Counsall and Sessioun.

Letter signed "Brochtoun[5] Yonger" to Lady Barnbarroch, April 1587.

My dame, efter maist hartly commendatioun of seruice, I

[1] Mr George Young, Archdeacon of St Andrews. [2] Without.
[3] Mourning for the death of Mary Queen of Scots in the previous month.
[4] Before.
[5] He was her son-in-law, having married Sir Patrick's eldest daughter.

ressauit your (l) letter desyrand me to haif thre hundreth markis In reddynes to yow with diligence. your (l) sall wit I haue wseit all moynis possibill to get that siluer. as for the twa hundreth markis that my father suld geve, I ryd to gelstoun as he commandit, quha gaif me nathing bot ane defarrand anser; and for my awn hundreth markis, I beleueit your (l) wald nocht haue bene desyrous of it quhill nor witsondy; and quhen I raid to ed[r] last I tuik that hundreth markis to me lord. and In respect of archibald toulyeseir hard putting at my father me lord causit me geue xxx pundis away of the hundreth markis, and I haue my seruand daue ghe in kirkcubrycht waitand on to get siluer sen I com hame, and sa sone as he comys I sall haue it at your (l). fardar your (l) sall wit that the laird of gairles hes craweit me wary ernistly for my fatheris teyndis of brochtoun wall, and me lord promeist to releue my father at his hand for this yeir for xii pund, and the laird of gairoles will haue na les of me nor fyfty thre ls, and me lord asurit me in ed[r] that he had greit[1] with gairles about tha teyndis, and gairoles sayis the contrair, and will haue the wtermost of me. this for the present committis your (l) to god, Be your (l), Brochtoun Yonger.

To the hono[ll] and his speciall the Lady barnbarroch.

Letter from the Laird of Barnbarroch to his Wife, 24th April 1587.

Maiste Special and derest vnder god, Eftyr all my commendationes, this Is to lat yow vndyrstand that as yit ve haif nocht resauit our dispeche, and the grytast parte of our care Is the vant of siluer, quhilk can not be haid. the toune of Edy[t] hais provydit and payit for our chipe[2] and the vittalying thairof, for the quhilk ve suld allow ijm libs,[3] and as for the vther iij[m] libs It can nocht be haid, except the kingis majestie caus thomas achesone m[r] cunyeour[4] furneyss It, and geife sua be, I think it sall fall in my avyn hand, and he to grante hym to haife ressauit the samin fra me in name of me loyrde of mvrray,[5]

[1] Agreed. [2] Ship. [3] Two thousand pounds.
[4] Master coiner. [5] See Lord Murray's letter, 16th December 1586.

and sua I man furneyss It; thairfor I man pray you to be the mayr delygent that the siluer that Is to be gottyn at hame be gadderit in In your avyn hand to releife this dett. as for malcum flemyne, he Is not cumyn to me, and geife he be cumyn to yow, ressaue his siluer, or putt It In villame hovistonis hand quhill he ressaue his Infeyftmente, quhilk salbe send to you vyth delygence vpon your aduertessmente. as for all vther besenes I can vreitt na farder nor I schow you befoyr your hame passyng, and minvit [1] I delyuerit to yow, quhairin ye will do as your visdom sall think guid. I pray god I may heir guid nevis of you and your byrthe, and alsua ye of our voiage, quhilk I hoipe in god salbegyne In the begynnyng of the nixt ovik,[2] as vynd and veddyr sall serve. as for nevis, the ks ma^te past owr the vattyr to the ladye burlye vpon fryday last eftyr viii hours at evyn, verray queatt, bot sex horss, and returnis nocht quhill vednisday nixt. me loyrde huntlye vas heyr, and he, and me loyrde of mar, ar past to the king, and as I belefe cumis bak heyr vyth the k ma^te; at the leist he and mony of all the nobilite beis heyr the x of may at the conventione, quhilk vill nocht faill to hald, and I hoip the k ma^te sall do guid vill to aggre mony of the vareanzeis amangis the nobilite as he sall think best. ye vill aduerteiss me vpon sounday nixt or thairby, as your visdome sall think guid; on to the quhilk tyme, and to my farder aduertessmente, I remitt the rest. your sone, god be praysit, Is veill, and verray contentit quhair he Is. I vill send for hym vpon settyrday nixt, and hald hym vyth me for twa or thre dayss. Sua I committ you to god, and that ye vill commend me hartlie to the layrde of garleiss and all vther freinds as occasione servis. from edy^t this xxiiij of aprill 1587.—Be your avyn as knavis god to his end,

BArnbarrache.

I haife maid my lattyr vill, and left It in my lettere,[3] and sall leif the key thairof vyth M^r Johne scharpe.

To my maist speciall and derrest Ante (or Ance)
The lady barnbarrache.

[1] Minute. [2] Week. [3] Letteron or lettrin, a writing-desk or secretaire.

And geif my sone barquhoony[1] vill com vit, he salbe als vellcum as I can mak hym, and I sall furneyss hym as I promesit hym at my departyn.

Letter from Lady Barnbarroch to her Husband, 25th April 1587.

Maist speciall, efter my maist hartle commendatioun, for sa meikill ye sall vit that the maist speciall causs that I stayit forge[2] sa lang vas for the gettying of euery manis anser about the siluer, and now ye se your self quhat I am indid[3] sertane of bathe affeill and at hame. quhairfoir I vald pray yow, geif ye mycht spair it, that ye vald leif ane hunder pvnde, or twa hundereth merkis, behynd yow in adineburg, how euery man keipis promess; and geif ye may nocht spair it, speik to Mr Jhone scharpe for it, geif I haif neid and alss I pray yow that ye vill forme your avin acquhyttance, that me (l) of mvrray suld subscrive, and leif it behynd yow, quhair Thomas may get it at his out cummynge. And farder ye vill nocht feill bot at[4] ye vill get the thre hunder merkis fra malcome flemenge, and the thre hunder merkis fra brochtone, and the thre hunder merkis fra Jammiss m'colloch your self, and leif it in to my avin coffer in edyr, and geif the keye to mr Jhone scharpe, or vith his vyf, tyll thomas out cummynge. I pray yow at[4] ye vreit in to me quhow all tyngis[5] is proseidit sene my hame cumminge. I have sende na tynge afeill to yow bot the heid scheit[6] that suld be in the schepe[7] with yow, becauss ye forbaid me your self. I pray yow at[4] ye vill vreit to me hame of all tynge at[4] I haif vretyne to yow on the vther syd. haifand na fardar occatioun to trubill yow at this present, bot I pray god at[4] your vage[8] may be schort and prospours, or ellis at[4] day[9] vill leif yow to cum hame; and god prosper yow in your jurne.

[1] Barwhanny. John, son of Hew Kennedy of Barwhanny, was his son-in-law.
[2] Fergus. [3] Indeed. [4] That.
[5] Things. [6] Sheet. [7] Ship.
[8] Voyage. [9] They.

frome barnebarroche, the xxv day of apryll.—Be your assouerit as knowis god to the end,

Dame kathren kennedy lady of barenbarocht.

To my maist special ame and best belouit
the lard of barnebaroche this be delyuerit.

[On the other leaf of the sheet of paper is written :—]

Memorandum—Item In the furst ye sall vit that tennendis of the quhyt hillis[1] is varnit; And ye ar varnit your self alss; and quhidder ye ar bund to sandie Mckee or nocht to obtene ane tak to him, or to geif to him the four hunder merks in keiss[2] at[3] ye obtene nocht the take, I am nocht sartane; or quhat ye and sandie Mckee did conssernyng the take of the quhyt hillis the last tyme at[3] ye var heir in. I assouer yow the master of ovchiltre meniss nocht at[3] euer sandie sall haif ane take of that land; and geif ye ken that, ye ar bund be vret to sandie mckee. I feir that he styke to yow be vret, and causs yow to varrand the take to him, And sa I vald that ye vret formallie to me in vreit quhat ordour I sall tak with sandie mckee; quhydder I sall offer to him the four hunder merkis, and ye to furness four hunder merkis thair out or nocht, for I ken at[3] he heiss[4] gret myster[5] at this present.

And fardar ye sall vit that the Lard of large heiss[4] varnit yow and thomas kennady bothe, as ye vill perseif be the varnyngis quhylk ye sall reseif; and I assouer yow that I can nocht heir that day[6] ar myndit for to lat that land byd vith yow and abeit[7] at[3] ye haife vretine hame to thome kennady that ye sall varrand him for his yeir, he heiss[4] nocht a sertantie be quhat vay; quhairfoir I pray you to vreit to me quhat defence I sall vss aganiss thair varnyngis, And, geif thair be na defencis to be vsit, quhyder he may cut doune the tymmer that he heiss[4] plantit in to it, and to cast doone his huvsis[8] or nocht, becuss he heiss[4] varit[9] his geir vpoune it, for he may take out the best of the temmer and leif the huvsis[8] standane.

[1] Whitehills. [2] Case. [3] That. [4] Has.
[5] Need. [6] They. [7] Albeit. [8] Houses.
[9] Spent.

And fardar ye sall vit that the man at[1] suld tak the half of the lifke(r)eche is cum to me this nycht, and quhat I do vit him I can vreit na tynge to you quhyll at[1] he be aniss[2] thair, and se the ground. And fardar ye sall vit as consernyinge barglass I cane haif nane to take the kroftis of it bot for vittallis, bot thame that is in to it that had thair kroftis for vittall afoir, bot I am laborand to se geif I can get ma.

And quhair ye geif to me our tykat that thome kennady suld geif to me tu or thre hunderethe merkis, I assouer yow all that he ma do vilbe bot tua hunder merkis, and that to be gottin fra sandie lyndesay, and thome reid, and seike vther dethovrs[3] as ye haif gavin to me in vret, quha vill nocht pay to him and to me bethe.

And ane vther hunder merkis fra gilbert balye, and I assouer you it is all that he may bie abill to do at the day apvntit, and I assouer you he gatt vere evill payment of the folkis that is thairvpe, for it vas meikill to my self to gar the tua M^c^commiss for to grant to my self xi lis of thre scoir at[1] thai vilbe avin to yow. And to yovnge m^c^karralle I cane fynde na tynge at[1] cane be had of him, and I am assourit that gylbert balye is nocht sa meikill to vyte[4] as ye vyit him. And alss ye sall vit that I haif spokin with villame houstoun, quha assoueris me at[1] he heiss[5] sene out his obligatioun to yow for fyve hunder merkis, and said to me at[1] how soune at[1] I geif to him his avin obligatioun at[1] he suld geif to me the thre hunder merkis quhairfoir ye vill nocht feill bot at[1] ye vill send to me his obligatioun.

And alss I haif spoken vith patrike blane of vyge,[6] quha assoueris me at he vill gat to me vithin a xv day thre hunderethe merkis.

And alss Robert lyndesay heiss[5] promesit to me fourtie merkis at the same day.

And Villame Dunbar heiss[5] promesit to me his thre hunder merkis.

I haif thryss[7] send vord to arsbald mvir, and I haif resauit

[1] That. [2] Once. [3] Debtors. [4] Wyte, blame.
[5] Has. [6] Wigg. [7] Thrice.

na anser as yit; And this is all bot xii hunder merkis and fourtie that I cane fynd in this cuntre, and (if) I get nocht thome mᶜgovinss syluer.

And thair is dair[1] out with yow at[2] ye suld get fre[3] makome fleminge thre hunder merkis, and fre[3] brochtone thre hunder merkis, and fre[3] Jamiss mᶜcolloche thre hunder merkis, at[2] ye haif gevin to me vpe in covirtt.[4] And ye man tak ordour vith all thir your self, for I culd get nane of thame to speik vith, for da[5] say at[2] day[5] ar all gene out to edyʳ to your self. I haif my bruderis promiss of thre hunder merkis in keis[6] ve vant.

And fardar ye sall vit that I haif resauit arsbald mviris syluer; and is to Jhone mᶜgovniss syluer I luik na vayiss for it, for I beithe vret and sen to him, and I haif resevit na anser.

And fardar ye vill nocht feill bot at[2] ye vill geif sum klaiss[7] to forge,[8] geif ye tak him vith yow, or ellis sen him bake agane to me.

And fardar ye sall vit that arsbald kennedy of the sennin-ness[9] vill nocht put of his rycht.

[The draft of a letter to Gilbert Bailye without date, which follows, shows that at this time, or some other, Sir Patrick did blame him severely.]

Draft of Letter by the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Gilbert Bailye, I commend me to yow. forsameklie as I mairweall that ye payit nocht the tutour of knokdow the siluer I gef yow my tekkat of, the quhilk I supposit had bene payit langsyne; thairfor ye sall nocht feill to pay the same with delygance, or thane I haf geifin him command to pownd yow for the same, becauss I weill nocht be reprevit for my dett. and als causs Waltier coltart to pay him the oxe hair, or to pound him lykwayis, BArnbarrache.

[1] Thair, there. [2] That. [3] Fra, from. [4] Court.
[5] They. [6] Case. [7] Clothes. [8] Fergus.
[9] Sinniness.

Deed of Gift by KING JAMES VI. to JOHN WAUS, eldest son of Sir PATRICK WAUS of Barnbarroch, of his own Marriage, on account of his Father's services and expenses in going as Ambassador to Denmark, 28th April 1587.

James, Be the grace of god king of Scottis, To all and sindrie oure lieges and subdittis, whome it efferis, Quhais knawlege thir oure lettres salcum, greiting. Wit ye ws, Having consideratioun that we ar to direct our weilbelouit counsallour Ser Patrik Vaus of barnebarrocht, knycht, Ane of the Lordis of oure counsall and sessioun, To oure broder the king of Denmark for certane materis concernyng ws and oure estait, gevin and committit to him in credite; And vnderstanding the said Ser Patrik In his Jornay, and executioun of his commissioun, wilbe put to grit expenssis, and sumpteeus chargeis, for the honour of ws and our estait, Thairfore To haue geven and grantit, and be thir oure lettres gevis and grantis, To our louit Johnne vaus, sonne and apperand air to our said counsallour, His awin mariage, with all profittis and commoditeis of the samin, quhensoevir the said mariage sall fall and pertene to ws be deceis of the said Ser Patrik, Or be quhatsumevir vther ressoun and caus the samin salhappin to pertene to ws; To be haldin, and to be had, The mariage aboue specifeit, and profittis thairof, To the said Johnne Vaus With all and sindrie commoditeis, fredomes, profittis, and richteous pertinentis quhatumevir, pertenyng, or that richteouslie may pertene, thairto: With power To the said Johnne to marie quhair and quhat tyme he pleissis, And to vse and dispone vpoun his mariage, and profittis thairof, as he sall think expedient. Attour We will and grantis, and for ws and our successouris decernis and declaris, that this our present gift and dispositioun of the said mariage salbe als valiabill and effectuall to the said Johnne In all respectis as gif the samin mariage wer now fallin in our handis and at our gift, Notwithstanding quhatsumevir our actis of parliament, lawis ciuile or municipall, practikis consuetudis, decisionis, or vtheris quhatsumevir, maid, or to be maid, in the contrair; Anent the quhilkis

We dispens and makis speciall dirogatioun thairto be thir our lettres; And forder faithfullie promittis In the inviolabill word of a prince nevir to gif, nor dispone, the said mariage, quhen the samin salhappin to fall in our handis, to ony vther persoun, or personis. Quhairfore We charge straitlie, and commandis, yow all and sindrie our liegis and subdittis foirsaidis, That none of yow tak vpoun hand to mak ony lat, stop, or distrublance, To the said Johnne Vaus In the peceabill vsing, and disponyng vpoun, the said mariage and profittis thairof, Efter the forme and tennour of thir our lettres, Under all hieast pane and charge that efter may follow. Gevin vnder oure privie seill, At halyruidhous, the twentie aucht day of Aprile, The yeir of god 1m v^{c} fourescoir sevin yeiris, And of our Rignne the twentie yeir.

Per signaturam Manu S. D. N. Regis Subscriptam.

M. Joannis Vaus. (The privy seal affixed.)

Letter from Lord Ogilvy[1] to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 30th April 1587.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie and luiffing commendationis, vpon the hamlienes of our auld acquytance I haiff tane purpoes as to put your (lo) to cherge, as ye sall find me reddie to do yow sik plesour as lyes in my powar. To wit, heiring that your (lo) is to be imployit be his ma^{tie} to be send to denmark in imbassatie, thair is ane seruand of myn, callit ro^{t} bruce, quha hes bene with me in that cuntrayis thir twa yeiris bypast, quha can serve weill, and is bayth honest and trew, and can do your (lo) turnes in thai pairtis als weill as ony scottis man. In respect he is presentlie myndit to pas thair, That your (lo) vauld lat him pas in your cumpanye to await on yow in that jornay. I dout nocht at your returning, (quhilk I pray god be happie and veill,) your (lo) sall gif me thankis for wischeing you sa skeylfull ane servand to this jornay; And this to your (lo) awin discretioun and kyndes, referand the rest. god preserve yow. ffrome feither the last day off Aprill, 1587.

[1] This is from James, sixth Lord Ogilvy. He was himself sent afterwards (in 1596) as ambassador to Denmark, to represent James VI, at the coronation of King Christian IV. —*Doug. Peerage.*

I luik for your (lo) anser with the berar, that my servand be nocht disapoyntit.—Your (lo) rycht luiffing freind and broder in all pouar, J. L. ogilvy.

To my lord and assurit gud frend
my lord of barnbarro[u].

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY, Provost of Maybole, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 4th May 1587.

My Lord, eftir my maist hartlie commendatioun with seruice, It will pleis youre (L) to wit that I haue resauit your (l) wrytting thes wodnisday at ny(cht) fourt of this instant, be the quhilk I perseif that youre L is myndit to d(epart) out of thes realme the sevint or aucht of Maij, And willis me to be at your (l) with expeditioun, that I may be in radines to pass with your (l). your L sall wndirstand that I can nocht be in radines sa soun as your (L) hes writtin, bot god willing I salbe at your L the twelf day of thes monathe, gif youre (L) remains wnto that tyme. your (l) sall wit that I was adverteisit that your l was stayit of youre weyage, wthervayis I wald haue bene at youre (L) or now, and lykwys my maister, the tutor,[1] hes bene ane grit impediment to me, quhilk I sall lat youre (L) knaw at meitting. nocht doubting bot youre (L) wilbe ane furtherar of my recumpence, haifand na farther occasioun at thes present, bot referris the rest to meitting, quhilk I hoip in god salbe schortlie. Sua committis your (L) to god. At Mayboill the iiij of maij, Be youris assurit at command with service,

Johne Kennedy, provist of maybole.

To my werray speciall and gude lord
my Lord of Barnbarroch.

Letter from the LAIRD OF BARGANY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 6th May 1587.

My Lord, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, your (L) sall wit I haif sene ane letter of your (L) derectet to my cousing

[1] Sir Thomas Kennedy, tutor of Cassillis.

the Laird of Stair, desyring hym to mak hym Rady to accumpany your (l) in this Juornay quhilk ye haif in hand to Denmark. as to the young gentil man, I fynd hym weill affectit to go with your (l) to do you syk plessor and seruice as he can. And becauss the gentill man is young, I will desyre youre (l) effectuouslie bayth for my saik, as alsua for the neirnes of bluid he is to your (l) wyff,[1] that ye will gyf hym your guid counsell that he exceid nocht the boundis of honnestie, bot with modestie behaif hymself as be cumit hym to do; quhome I haif ordanit to use your (l) counsell and command as gif I war thair my self; and gif your (l) gratefeis ony in your cumpany, I dout nocht bot your (l) will Remember hym in his awin Rank. This mekill I thocht guid to wrytt to your (l), becauss the gentill man is sa neir to me as he is, and wald wiss hym to do weill; and I hoip your (l) sall nocht do the war for my Raqueist, as I sallbe Rady to do ffor ony of your (l) quhen ye sall pleiss to Imploy me. Sua I will nocht fasche your (l) with langer letter at the present, Bot I pray god gif your (l) ane happy and prosperus Jurnay, and guid succes of your Bessenes ye haif in hand. Comitting your (l) to the protectioun of the almychtye god. wryttin ffrome Bargany, the saxt Day of May.—Your (l) assuirit guid ffreind at my pouar, Bargany.

To his speciall guid Lord
my Lord off Barnbarrocht.

Letter from Lady Barnbarroch to her Husband, 9th May 1587.

Jesus.

Maist speciall and darrest, efter my maist hartly commendatiounis, forsamiklle as ye sall wit that I luikit not for James

[1] James Dalrymple of Stair married Isabel, daughter of James Kennedy of Bargany, and died in 1586.—*Doug. Peerage.* Thomas Kennedy of Bargany had a brother James, who was witness to a bond in 1573, who may have been the grandfather of John Dalrymple, the young Laird of Stair, in whose favour this letter was written. Sir Patrick's second wife was Bargany's niece, and first cousin to Stair's mother.

M'Cullochis departing this tue or thre dayis, at quhait tyme I think I suld haif gottin a twell hundreth merkis, quharof James him self thre hundreth, to haif send out; quharfor I pray yow faill not to rasaif this thre hundreth your self fra him, and laif it with the thre hundreth merkis that ye delyverit to Sir Jo^{n} Simson his wyif, and that will compleit betuix hir and me aliwin[1] hundreth merkis alrady thare, and the thre hundreth merkis that me Lord of Doune[2] hes ellis, quhilk will compleit fourteine hundreth merkis, ye gettane James M^{c}Cullochis silwir fra him presently; and sua I pray yow that ye send us to laif ane hundreth merkis with it, quhilk will compleit ane thousand libs thare, and god willing I sall ceip[3] your day with me lord of murray, or thre or four dayis thairefter, quhilk salbe four dayis before Witsonday, with the uthir thousand lib, quhilk compleitis the haill soume, viz thre thousand merkis,[4] quharof I am to rasaif of the first silwir bot nyne hundreth merkis allenarlie, and the rest to be furneist be your factouris. I am informit that me brother Is past to edinburght with greit dilligence, quho promeist to haif lent me thre hundreth merkis, and sue I think he may len yow ane hundreth merkis to mak out the thousand poundis quhare ye ar. and as to Brochtunis thre hundreth merkis, ye sal rasaif his letter, quharin ye will persaif his anser; and farther I luik not to rasaif ane penny fra him before the missummer fare.[5] I send to the guidwyif of tiroch dow[6] for hir hundreth merkis, quo assuris me scho aucht hir sone nathing, and sayid scho gef him that hundreth merkis quhilk wes in the first of the thre hundreth that ye haif rasauit all rady; ye will not faill to send hame ane atturnay to tak sesing for it, for gif michaell m^{c}crecan had ony, quhome fra ye derecktid me to haif gottin the samen, I assure yow It is tint—ye will not faill to expeid this to the effeck the sesing may be tane before witsonday, for the witsonday maillis; and farther I pray yow faill not to send me hame your exemptiounis,[7] for there is divers of

[1] Eleven. [2] Father of Lord Murray. [3] Keep.

[4] The first instalment for lands of Whithorn due to Lord Murray at Whitsunday (see letter 16th December 1586).

[5] Fair, or Journey. [6] ? Craichdow.

[7] From taxation (see letter 30th April 1586).

the servandis that is persewit before the commisser, and in your absence may rasaif wrang, quharfor ye will not faill the same for sindre uthir occasiounis that I can not express at this present. I am not as yit delyverit, bot I will had forge[1] quhill Sonday or Mounday to se how I sall be, that I may mak yow resolute before your departure omitting all uthir occasiounis thairto, and comittis yow to god. of barrnbarrach the 9th of may 1587.— Youris assurit as knawis god to the end,

Dame Kathran Kenedy, lady of barnbarocht.

To her maist speciall and darrest ayme the laird of barinbarroch.

Letter from Lord Garleis to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 19th May 1587.

My Lord, eftir my werie hartelie commendationis, forsemekill your L sall understand that your richie[2] hes, upone foursdye laist wes, at evin, eftir his drinkin, set uponne Jhone Yong,[3] Minister of Wigtone, and hes strikin him ane grait straik upone the heid with ane suord, that hie is in grait danger of his lyf; quhairfoir I wald ye suild find sum mene for him, ather to put him out of the cuntre, or ellis that the lawis may bie put in execution aganis him; for hie man bie ather aue waye or uther put out of this cuntrie, or ellis I wilbie constrenit to put handis into him, quhilk I wald be leithe to do for your cauiss; for quhone he straik James Crychtone[4] befoir in execution of his offeice, I buir with it, bot nocht for his awin cauiss, heirfoir I prye your (l) find sum remeid, or ellis ye main excuiss me to seik ouit the next remeid. I have wretin to my Lord of Blantyir to confer with yow in thir materis, and in the mein tyme, quhill I gait your ansuer, I sall gair keip him alssurlie as I cain. it will pleis you to lat me haue sum of your newis. Sua levin to

[1] Forge, Fergus, the messenger who was to carry the letter (see p. 389).

[2] It is not clear who this turbulent person was, about whom the Laird of Garlies wrote on the eve of Sir Patrick's departure for Denmark, and the name is doubtful in the original, owing to a hole in the paper; but a receipt was given by "Rychard Wauss" on 22d September 1583 (see p. 277, and note there).

[3] See letters from him, 10th February 1581 and 21st September 1582.

[4] A messenger-at-arms.

trubill yow with forther for the present, I commit yow to God. at Minnygaf the xix dye of May anno 1587 Bie your L assurit frend at power, Garleis.

To the rycht hono^{ll} and his gud frend
the Lard of Barnbaracht.

A Journal of Sir PATRICK WAUS's Journey when he went Ambassador to Denmark, and came from it, 30th May 1587.

The forme and maner of our procedens in oure Voyage in Ambassadie to Denmark fra our leife taiking fra the K. Ma^{te} our master, quhilk vas at Halryrouidhous the 25 of May at ane efternone or thairby, Anno 1587; and remainit in Edy^{r} awaittyn the wind to tyesday thereaftir, quhilkis vas the penult of May and com that nycht to Leyth, quhair we remainit till 9 houris upon the morne, quhilkis the last of May 1587.

Upon Wedensday, quhilk vas the last of May, ve tuik chip, and lovsit, and twik saill the said day abovit 11 houris befoyr none vyth fayr vynd till Settyrday, that the vind contrareit uss, quhilk vas the 3 of Junii, and come that day to ane sovund in Norway callit rosbov, quhayr ve remanit that nycht, and upon the morne, quhilk vas the 4 of Junii, we lovsit from resbov, and come to Elsoneuy^{r} upone fouyrsday at 8 houris at evyn, or thairby, quhilk vas the 8 of the said moonathe, and come that nycht to Ricardus Weddyrburnes hoviss at Elsoneuyr in Denmark. and upon the morne, the 9 of Junii, the Capitano of the Castell of Croneburge, and Phalrik Boyall, toylmastyr, send to uss, and desyrit our namis, the namis of our Gentillmen and servandis, and quhow mony ve var in tryne,[1] to the effek thay mycht adverteise the K. of Denmark thair Mastyr, for sua thay haid command to do. And lyik as ve did geif our namis, vyth the namis of the Gentillmen and servandis to the numer of 44, or thairby, and send thame to the toylmastyr upon Fryday, quhilk vas the said 9 day. and because the said K. of Denmark haid past of elsoneuyr 3 or 4 dayss befoyr our arreval to Andyrskov, 17 duche mylis thairfra, ve avittit upon the K. anser till mouninday 8 dayis thaireftir, quhilk come to vss be

[1] Train.

Gerardus ranzoo quhilk the 18 of Junii, and declairit to vss that it vas the K. mynd that ve suld pass to Andyrskov, quhayr the K. vas at that present; And that It vas the K. vill that ve suld begyne and taik our jornay upone fryday nixt thaireftyr, quhilk vas the 23 of the said moonathe of Junii, and that vee var ordanit to be that nycht In coipman hovyne,[1] Lykas ve var; and shew vss the K. haid commandit the rentmastyr to furneyss vss wagance for ourselfis, our haill compane, and coffyiris, Lykas It vas done to the nvmer of 30 vagance dalye, or thairby. and upone settyrday, quhilk vas the 24 of Junii, ve past fra Coipman hovyne[1] to rosgvill, quhilkis 4 dens[2] mylis thairfra, And there ramanit that nycht, and upone the morne, quhilk vas sounday the 25 of Junii, ve past to remesteid, quhilkis uthir 4 dens myllis, quhair ve ramanit that nycht, and vas upone the K. expensis; quhilk vas ane fayr abay[3] bot now maid in ane castell of the K.; bot ve mycht haif beyne bettyr cheip twa nycht upone our avyn expensis nor that ane nycht, in respect of the revardis geifen as is the accustomett vyse[4] of strangeris. and upon Mouninday, quhilkis the 26 of Junii, we come to Andyrskov quhilkis be 2 eftyrnone, quhilkis vther 4 dens myllis distant thairfra; and shortlie eftyr our arryvell thair ve derrekit M^{r} David Myrtone, quha haid the duche langage, to the Chancellar, (Nicolaus Kaos) to desyir hys (ll) to declayr the K. Ma^{te} ve var comyn thayr, as the K. Ma^{te} haid appointet our dyettis, and that he vald desyir the K. Ma^{te} ve micht haife his presens upone the morne; Lyck as the Chancellar did, and send to vss abovit 4 houris that day ane Doctor callit Paspclay, quha in the K. name velcumit vss verray hartlie, and eftyr our conference, and lytill befoyr his leife taikyn, declarit to vss that ve suld haife presens of the K. ma^{te} upone the morne, and he vas verray glaid of our cumyn; and geif ve haid ane guid anser to geif anent Orknay, he dovittit nocht all uthir thingis we had ado, or vald requeiyr of the K. ma^{tie}, suld be verray thankfullie ressavit, and vald be grantit; and sua he twik his leife as for that nycht. Upon tyisday the 27, the Chancellar, Nicolayus Kaos, derekit ane servand of his to vss be 6 houris at morne, or thairby, to

[1] Copenhagen. [2] Danish. [3] Abbey. [4] Use.

schaw vss that the K. ma^{tie} was evill at eyss,[1] and haid sayr teyth and that he, and sum uthirs of the Consell, vas derekit to vss to confer with vss upon sik effaris as ve var cumin for, and vald be shortlie at vss be 8 houris or thairby, Lyik as the said Chancellar, monser Mandrop and Below, and the said Doctor Pasclay, quha at the cumin welcumit us in the K. name verray hartlie, and shew to us that albey^{t} Doctor Pasclay shewit uss the nycht befoyr that ve suld haife haid presens of the K. that day, yit in respect of the K. diseyss of his sayr theytht ve behuiffit to tak patience quhyll the K. war bettyr, and thair-eftyr ve suld haife presens; and in the meyne tyme thay var derekitt to confer with vss in ony sic thing as ve haid to propone, and that fyrst it vas the K. vill to begyne at the mater of Orknay.

We anserit and said eftir our advyssment, that the K. our mastyr haid onlye derekit vss to the K. ma^{te} of Denmark, and to na vthir in his cuntre, and onto the tyme we haid presens of the K. Ma^{te}, and had delyuerit to hym the K. our mastyris lettre, we culd nocht confer our erand to na vthir. And as for the mater of Orknay, ve haid na Commissione thairof. bot at the tyme appontit, quhilk as yit was nocht cumyn, we douit nocht but the samin suld haif anser as appartenit, and thairfor at that present we haid na commissione to traitt thairof. and fardor ve desyrit that, gafe it mycht be the K. plesour that we mycht haif conference vyth me L Chancllar his alleyne, ve vald declayr to his L fardor of our mynd; and thairto ve haid ane lettre of the K. ma^{te} our mastyr to delyuer his L., and at our conference he suld knaw fardor of our erand; quha all fovyr drev apart, as ve did on the vthir syid, and eftyr thair conference comme to vss, and said me L. Chancellar culd nocht confer vyth vss quhill he haid fyrst schavyn it to the K. ma^{tie}, and to haife his advyis thair-unto, and quhoo sone he haid spokyn the K. his mastyr he suld aduerteyss vss quhat vas the K. vill concernyng our desyir, and eftyr sum vthir generall towin[2] thay twik thair leif, and past to the Castell, quhayr the K. and the Consell was at that present, and schew quhat vas ressonit amangis vss.

[1] Ease.

[2] Conversation.

Sua sone eftyr dinner the Chancellar send his servand to vss to declayr that he vas to cum schortlie to vss be 2 houris eftyrnone, and to confer vyth vss as ve desyrit; and before 3 houris the Chancellar com as he appontit, sua ve thankit his L verray hairtlie of his taikyn of panis to cum to vss, and conferrit vyth his L in generall, and sine[1] delyuerit him the K. ma^{tie} our masteris messive, and vyth his ma^{ties} commendatiouns and thankis for his panis tane the last yeir in his mat^{es} effaris; quha ressauit the K. our masteris messive verray hartlie, and said to vss quhat he culd do in ony sòyrte, aythyr be his travell or Consell, to the forderence of quhat sumeuer erand the K. our Master haid to do, he vald do the sam vyth all his haill harte to the vytrmest of his pouer, and in speciall at the K. of Denmark his masteris handis.

Sua undystandyn the guid vill and effektione he haid to the K. our master, and quhat travell he twik the last yeir in the K. our masteris effaris, ve schew that ve haid sum secreit to declayr to the K. ma^{te} of Denmark, bot he[2] haid command of the K. our master nocht to declayr it except we vndyrstuid our desyr mycht taik effek; and that ve haid command fyrst to trye secreitlie the K. of Denmarkis mynd thayrinto, and to knaw as far of his ma^{ties} mynd as ve mycht befoyr ve suld propone the mater. and becaus ve haid delyuerit his L the K. our mastyris messive, and that we vndyrstuid his L secreitness, ve vald sumpart schaw his L a part of our erand, sua his L vald promeis that na vthir suld be participant thairof, except onlye the K. ma^{te}, and that me (we) mycht the bettyr vndyrstand the K. his mastyris mynd in our beseness. quhaa upon his fayth and honour promesit to keip all secreit that ve vald declayr, and none suld knaw be him, saife[3] ony the K. his master, quhatt ve haid to desyir. And vpon this promeyss ve begucht[4] to inqueyr at his L geif that Madame Elezabethe the K. eldest dochtyr wes in guid helthe, and geife schoo was contractit and promesit to ony at that tyme; quha said to vss schoo vas vyth the rest of the K. barnis in zettland, and vpon his honour as he knev was

[1] Afterwards.
[2] Sic in orig., should be "we."
[3] Save, only.
[4] Began.

nathyr contractit, nor promesit, nor spokyn for, and promesit to lat vss vndyrstand geife ony sik thing haid beyn spokyn to the K. his mastyr as schortlie as he convenientlie mycht gett tyme, and sua twik his leif for that nycht. And as he haid cumyn to the Castell to speik vyth the K., the K. vas at his super, and the Chancellar Rammell vas cumyn ovit of Dvcheland fra the Dvik of Sax, quha vas at the Baptyme of ane sone to the Dvik of Sax in the K. name, and held the K. att the supper, and mykyll of that nycht in porposs, sua that the Chancellar Kaoss culd gett na lasour to speik of ony porposs to the K. ma^{te} quhyll on the morne, and quhoo sone he had spokyn the k ma^{te} in the morninge he vreitt to vss vyth ane servand of his awin, schavyn vss of the K. mynd. And as ve thocht nocht in forme as derek as vass desyrit, and vreit anser to his L that. upone the quhilk his L com to vss at eftyrnone, quhilkis vas vednisday, and declarit vss that the K. vas sumpart bettyr nor he vas, and that he haid commandit hym to declayr ve suld (haif) presens of the K. the morne; and als ve var desyrit to dyne vyth his ma^{te}, and that ve suld be reddy to pass to the Castell about 8 houris vpone the morne, and that 2 of the Consell vald cum for us abovit that hour, and that ve suld be verray velcum to the K. ma^{te}, quha vald schav vss guid contenence, as he did. sua for that nycht thay procedit na farder, and sua the Chancellar twik his leif. upone the morne, quhilk was fvyrsday, the 28 of Junii, the Chancellar Kaos send to vss be 6 houris at morne to declayr vss that 2 of the Consell vald be at vss be 8 houris to convoy vss to the Castell, quhair ve suld haife presens of the K. ma^{te}, and alss that we suld tare[5] and dyne thayr Lyik as eftyr 9 houris Monser Mandrop and Belov com to vss, and brocht 3 coverit vaganis, and declayrit vss it ves the K. will ve suld pas to the Castell to the effek foyrsaid; sua, eftyir salūtationes maid ve past vyth thame and enterit in the vaganis and past to the castell, quhair or ve enterit in the Castell we saw the K. men of vayr, pairt standand without the yett, and utherss within the yett in the cloyss, sua that ve var convoyit be the said Mandrop and Belov to the K. Hall.

[1] Tarry.

Letter from KING JAMES VI. to Sir PATRICK WAUS and Mr PETER YOUNG, his Ambassadors at the Court of Denmark, 14th June 1587.

To our Richt Trustie and weillbelovit Counsallouris Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, Knycht, and Mr Peter Young of Seytoun, our Eleemosinar, our Ambassadouris in Dennemark.

Rex.

Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarrow, Knycht, and Mr Peter Young of Seytoune, our Ambassadouris, presentlie direct in the realme of Denmark, We greit you wele. Forsameikle as we ar informit that thair is a gret nowmer of our schippis of the haillportis of our realme frauchtit toward Danskin [1] for bying of victuall, The merchandis and byaris quhairof ar myndit to transport and sell the samin in vther forayne pairtis for thair greter avantage and commoditie, without respect to the gret skarstie and derth presentlie appeiring within this our realme, Or the inconvenient that may ensew thairvpoun baith to ws and thame, gif thai sal happin to be interceptit be the Quene of Englandis schippis in the passing throuch the pace to the pairtis of France, Flanderis, or Spayne; Quhairof We and our Counsale having consideration Have thocht gude that it sal be rememberit be yow, as ane part of your commissioun, That quhen God sall send you to the toun of Elsinvre, ye ernestlie solist the tollendar That he custome nane of these our schippis, quhilkis salhappin to be laidin with any kynd of victuall, quhill as [2] they obleise thame selffis to cum directlie in Scotland thairwith, To be sald heir for the releif of the pure,[3] and supplie of the derth and skarstie. And heirwithall ye sall not faill to caus extract out of the Customaris buikis the name of ilk schip, with the name of the Maister and merchand thairof, and the toun quhair thai dwell, Togidder with the quantitie of victuall that is cust(omit) in ilk schip, that we may the bettir knaw thay personis that salhappin to carrie thair victuall to forayne pairtis in this gret derth and necessitie within our realme, and caus thame be handillit as thai mereit. As ye

[1] Dantzig. [2] Until. [3] Poor.

will anser to ws heirvpoun, for the quhilk thir presentis sall be to you sufficient warrand and commissioun. Subscriuit with our hand at Falkland the xiiij day of Junij, 1587.

James R.

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to Lady Barnbarroch.
(Perhaps) June 1587.

Madame, pleis yow with that I haif swm marche in question betuix the Laird of cloisburne[1] and me in niddisdaill, quhilk ar appoyntit to be riddin the penult of this mwneth, and to this effectt I purpois to tack jurney on monday nixt, being the xxviij of this instant, and to be in sen Johnis clachen[2] at nicht, quhairfoir, madame, I will maist ernistlie requeist yow to permitt your sone to accwmpany me dithir, and to this effectt that he wald meit me vpoun monday nixt in wigtoun be ten houris. Sua, leiving to be farther trubbillsum to your ladyschip for the present, I maist hartlie taik my Leive,[3] resting evir,
Youris ladyschipis most assurit, Gairleis.

glastown the xxiiij of this instant.

To the werrie honorabill and
gud lady the Lady barnburroche.

[This letter may have been written during Sir Patrick's absence in Denmark, either in the summer of 1587 or the autumn of 1589, when his son might have been thirteen or fifteen years old.]

Letter from John Fleming to Lady Barnbarroch,
30th July 1587.

Madame, efter my dewtie of sarvice rememberit to your (la), I thoght gud to wryt to your (la), becaus I ken the laird is occupieit in uther thingis, about the lytill sillver that is addettit to the merchant for the rest of the sueit meittis,[4] and uther thingis, that I sent hame. the sume is sewintein pund, and the

[1] Thomas Kirkpatrick. [2] Kirkcudbright. [3] Leave. [4] Sweetmeats.

laird promeisit to send it to me to pay the merchant the xx day of the last monethe, or els at the lambes [1] fair preceislie, quhilk I desyre your (la) to send me now at the fair, becaus I promeisit faithfullie to the merchant, and ony thing, that ather the laird or your (la) misteris,[2] that lyis in my power, send me word, and it sall be obeyit sa far as lyis in me; for I desyr na mair bot I may keip my credit, and I will want na geir, for god be praisit my moyen is bot small as yit, but I hoipe in god it sall be better. I wald nocht wryt to the laird at this tyme, for I knaw he is in uther materis. Your (la) sall wit that thair come lettres registrat aganes the laird for tua thowsand merk fra James crechtone for ane arthor roy. the lard in his mersie put his honor out of trobill, for word come to ws that the place weis taue upe be the gowd, and the nuirische [3] grat baithe nycht and day for the sam quhill geordie tomsone come. nocht els for the present quhill your (la) nixt adverteisment, bot ye will obey this requeist, as I may ather do plesur or service to your (la) agane; with the nuirische [3] commendatioun to your (la) and hir dochter. fra ed^{r}, the penult of Julie; Your (la) Serwant to be commandit, John Fleeming.

To the rycht hono^{ll}, and his maist specall maistreis,
the lady barnbarroche, this be delyverit.

Discharge by JOHN GARDINER for Freight of Ship to Denmark, 18th August 1587.

I Jhonne Gardiner, Maister and Skipper of ane schip callitt the Lioun of Leith, Granttis me be the Tennour heirof to haif resauit fra the handis of the richt honorable Sir Patrick Wasse of Barnbarroche knycht, ane of the Lordis of our Soveran Lordis Prewie Counsall and Cessioun, And Mr Petir Young of Setoun, siclyik his hyness Maister Amoser; The sowme of ane Thowsand pound mony of this realme, in full and compleit payment of my schipis fraucht, quhilk wes send be the Kingis Maieste to Denmark; the quhilk at mair lenthe is contenit into ane Charter pairtis, maid betuixt the saidis perteis abouewrittin. Off the

[1] Lammas. [2] Needs. [3] ? Nurse.

quhilk sowme (for)said I hald me weill content and payit, Exoneris and dischargis the said Sir Patrik, and Mr Petir abouewrittin, thair airis, executouris, and assignayis, for now and evir; Be this my discharge, Subscrivit with my hand At Edinburgh the xvij of August the yeir of God 1m vc lxxx sevin yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis, Andro Broun Surgeiner in Edinburg, Mathow Grege, Williame Vilsoun, and Peter Douglass, with vtheris diuerss

Jhon Gardner wyth my hand
Andro Broun withnis
Williame Wilsoune witnes.
M. G.

Endorsed—Johne gardneris acquitance for the fracht of his schip to Denmark for 1m lib.

Letter from PATRICK WEDDERBURN, Burgess of Dundee, to Sir PATRICK WAUS, 11th September 1587.

My lord, efter my humble commendatioun of seruice I hawe resauit ane lettre frome my brother recardus wedderburn furth of elsonovar,[1] vith ane obligatioun of Mr johne lermonthis dett, that quhair the said Mr Johnne hes borrowit, and resawit fra my said brother recardus, the sowme of auchten auld dollers, and aucht dens[2] silling, the quhilk the said Mr Johnne is bund in his obligatioun, and makis mentioun that your (l) and Mr piter young[3] sall satisfie at the sicht of his obligatioun, quhilk I haue in keping; quhairfore prayis your (l) that I may hawe the siluer send to me vith the first suir hand that cumis this way, and resawe the said Mr Johnneis obligatioun. prayand your (l) to hawe me excusit of my hemblie chairg, for my brother will luik for the siluer the first schip that sellis estvart.[4] nocht forder at this present, bot committis your (l) to the protextion of god. frome Dundie, the elevint day of september 1587.—be your (l) Seruitor,

Patrik Wedderburn
burges of dundie.

[Address torn off.]

[1] Elsinore.
[2] Danish.
[3] Sir Patrick Waus's colleague in the Embassy.
[4] Sails eastward.

[Andrew Martyne, by whom the next letter was written, is probably the same person about whom Lord Orkney wrote on 26th January 1585-6, as having caused differences between him and his elder son, who had died before 4th March 1581-2, but he seems to have remained in the service of the family, and now writes in the interest of Patrick, Master of Orkney. John, fifth Lord Fleming, had a grant of the profits and rents of the Priory of Whithorn in 1567. But he was forfeited by Parliament on 17th November 1569, and we have seen that Lord Robert Stewart was commendator of Whithorn as far back as April 1567, for Lord Fleming was then besieging him in the Castle of Cruggleton, which belonged to the Priory.]

Letter from ANDREW MARTYNE to
11th September 1587.

My lord, eftir my hertlie commendationis of seruice, Pleis your (l) my lord flemyng be myoun (moyen) of the secreter gat ane act of repossessioun in this lait parliament, ordaining him to be possessit, and to haue richt, to all titillis quhilk his father haid the tyme of his deceiss; and thairby menis to Intromet with the priorie of quhitterne, and to this effect hes rasit lettres, chargeing the tennentis to anser him. heirfoir prayis your (l) to attend heirto, and let nocht the tennentis anser him, bot send heir the copie of the charges, that letters of dowbill poynding may be rasit, and his charges suspendit. I vnderstand my lord flemyngis fatheris titill wes declairit annull be decreit of the lordis, and the last possessor to haue haid full richt, sua I think the M^r^ [1] salbe in the les danger. I luik that the M^r^ [1] wil-be heir abowt Michaelmes, and his father to remane at hame for keipinge the cuntrie. The convention will hald in falkland or cowper the xv of this instant for directioun of embassadoris. Sum sayis that monsieur de bartass [2] hes altirit the kingis con-

[1] The Master of Orkney.

[2] Du Bartas, an envoy from France, who arrived in January 1587, and ingratiated himself with the king, whom he persuaded to send an envoy to the King of Navarre to get acquainted with and report upon his sister.

sait fra denmark, and turned it to naverr.[1] alway the estaittis at this conventioun will tak ordor thairwith. haueand no vther newis presentlie to wryte to your (l), eftir my hartlie commendationis of seruice to my ladie your bedfallow, Committis your (l) to god. ffrome leith the xi of september 1587.—Your (l) to command in seruice, Andro martyne.

[The outer sheet with address torn off.]

[The following contract, prepared a few weeks after Sir Patrick's return from Denmark, speaks for itself. He had been named one of the secret council on 21st April of that year, and probably, owing to increased public duties, he wished to give his wife full power to act for him in the management of his estate. His signature is not attached to this document, but he probably signed a duplicate.]

Contract between the Laird of Barnbarroch and his Wife, 15th September 1587.

At Barnbarache the xv day of september anno 1587 yeiris. It is appointit, aggreit, and finallie endit, betuix the personis wndirwrittin, To wit Ser patrik Wauss of barnbarrache, Knycht, And Dame Katherine Kennedy, his spous in maner following; That is to say the said Ser patrik giffis, grantis, and committis expres bidding and mandat for him, and in his name, to his said spous and williame Dunbar in culyemalze, hir ffactor, his full power to intromet and wplift his haill fermes, maillis, and dewteis, ces meill, mylne fermes, as land fermes[2] pertening to him in all partis during the space of thre yeiris; To wit the fourscoir sex yeiris crope now to be ressauit at mertymes nixt eftir the dait heirof, and the fourscoir sewin yeiris crope nowe in barne yaird, and the fourscoir aucht yeiris crope nixt thaireftir. And the said Ser patrik hes promissit to his spous The samekle as wantis of the sowme of thre thowsand merkis wntaikin wp of the fourscoir sex yeiris crope comptit and giffin wp be

[1] Navarre.

[2] Farms, mails, and duties, cess mail, mill farms, as also land farms.

hir, That he sall Deliuer als mekle off wther Dettis to mak it out; ffor the quhilkis caussis foirsaid the said Dame Katherine hes promissit to releiff and taik off the said Ser patrikis landis, and wther dettis, the sowme of ten thowsand merkis, and hald his houss wsit and wint.[1] At the termes ffollowing to wit thre thowsand merkis at witsounday nixt in anno fourscoir aucht yeiris thre thowsand merkis at wetsounday in anno fourscoir nyne yeiris and four thowsand merkis in anno fourscoir ten yeiris. And als with power to my said spous and hir factour, gif neid beis, to call, persew, and follow befoir the iudge competent, or wtheris iudges, neidfull for my fermes and dewteis foirsaid, actis and instrumentis, to raiss decreittis, to obtene acquittances, to gif quhilkis salbe als sufficient as I had giffin and grantit thame my selff. Gevand power to my said spous and hir factour to pound and distrinye my tennentis, and occupyiris of my landis, and myllnis particularlie, for thair fermes and dewteis, Siclyk and in the samen maner as mycht haue done my selff, and[2] I wer present in proper persoun, and thaireftir to imploy the samen to hir awin wss and commoditie, as thay sall think maist meit and expedient; promittand to hald ferme and stable all and quhatsumeuir my spous and hir factour leidis to be done in thir premissis. In witnes heirof we haue subscriuit this present contract and appointment with our handis, day yeir and place aboue writtin, Befoir thir witnes, Thomas Kennedy in Baryarrok, thomas wauss and Quinteine moressone, seruandis to the said Ser patrik wauss. &c &c &c. prowyding alwayis that my said spoviss pay the anvallis quhill the land be lowsit, and alss maillis of the few landis for the saidis thre yeiris.

provydand that, gif the said deme katryn feynd that scho haif tensell,[3] in that caiss to gif it ouir quhen it plaissis hir.

Dame kathran kannady lady of barnbarroch.

[No address or signature by Sir Patrick. On back in Sir Patrick's hand—"Contract betuix vefe and me for 1 yeris devat."[4]]

[1] According to use and wont. [2] An, if. [3] Loss. [4] One year's duty.

Letter from Alexander Young of Eastfield to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 24th September 1587.

My lord, efter my warray hartlie commendatioun of seruice, I resauit ane letter of your (L), and ane vther of Ramelius in lattin, quhilk I sall send wnto my broder. wit your (l) he partit frome falkland on Tewsday, quhilk was the xix of this Instant, and the kingis ma^tie reid bot to ryffane [1] on wendnisday, quhilk was the xx day. your (l) is written for off new to be in Edinburgh, as your (l) will pursaue be the kingis ma^tie letter. my broder writ also wnto your (l), quhilk writtin I hoip your (l) hes gottin or [2] now. my broder wass menand him self not to be weill at his parting frome me, and I heir say sen syne he hes bene sum thing seik. this havand na forder to truble your (l), I commit your (l) to goddis blysit [3] keiping. Writtin frome ryffane [1] the xxiiij day of september 1587.—Your (l) awin man to be commandit with seruice,

Alex^r Young [4] of eistfeild.

To his warray gude my lord off
Barrinbarroch Deliuer this.

Extract Register of Privy Council, 11th October 1587.

In presence of the king and his council M^r Patrik Vaus of Bernbarrauch one of the senators of the College of Justice and M^r Petir Young of Seytoun, his majesty's master "almoussare" having explained their negotiation with the King of Denmark and his Council, according to the instructions sent with them, the king with advice of his Council declares that they "have trewlie honnestlie and diligentlie performed and dischargeit the charge and devoir committit to their credite." The king and council accordingly have "exonerit thame thairof, and ordanit ane act to be maid of thair said declaratioun, ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Acts of bounty to both in recognition

[1] Ruthven. [2] Before. [3] Blessed.
[4] ? Brother to Mr Peter Young of Seton.

of their services had been passed in the recent Parliament[1] (see Acts iii., 491, 492).

[Extracts from those in favour of Sir Patrick follow.]

ACTA PARLIAMENTORUM JACOBI VI., A.D. 1587.

11th October 1587.

c. 14. And siclyk reseruand furth of this our reuocatioun all and haill the landis of knoctane, kildarroch, kirrewaleok, and fyve merk land of kereburne, Liand within the serefdome of wigtoun, and kyndlie possessionis to S^r^ patrick Vaus of barnbarroch, knicht; Sua that he and his airis may brouke the samyn according to his infeftment thairof, daitit at halyrudhous the tuentie day of Nouember, The yeir of god 1m v^c^ fourscoir tua yeiris.

c. 96. Ratification to S^r^ patrik Waus of Barinbarrauch, knicht, presentlie ane of the kingis ambassadouris in Denmark. Oure Souerane Lord efter his lauchfull and perfite aige of xxi yeiris compleit, and generall revocatioun, with auise of his thre estaittis of parliament, Ratifies and apprevis, and for his hienes and his sussessouris perpetuallie confermis, the charter and infeftment maid be his hienes, with auise of his hienes comptrollair for the tyme, to his weillbelouit and familiar counsallour S^r^ patrik Waus of barinbarrouch, knicht, ane of the senatouris of his hienes college of justice, and presentlie ane of his hienes ambassadouris direct to the king of denmark, and to the said S^r^ patrikis airis and assignais specifeit thairin, Off all and haill the landis of knocktane, kildarroch, kirrywaltane, and fyve merk land of kereburne, Liand within the serefdome of wigtoun, auld kyndlie possessionis to the said S^r^ patrik and his predisessouris, As the samin infeftment, of the dait at halyrudhous the xxvij day of November the yeir of god 1m v^c^ fourscoir tua yeiris, at mair lenth proportis; And desernis and ordanis the said infeftment to be als effectuall and valiable to thame for bruiking and josing of the saidis landis, as gif the same had

[1] Reg. Privy Coun., vol. iv., p. 219.

bene gevin and sett be his hienes eftir his said lauchfull and perfite aige of xxj yeiris compleit, and generall revocatioun foirsaid.

Letter from Lord Orkney to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 12th October 1587.

My lord, efter my varie hertlie commendationis, I wrete to your (l) of befoir In quhat hasert and danger I stand into be the procedingis vsit aganis me in this last parliament. And being suirlie perswadit how sindrie vndir cullorit freindschipe and bluide, Intendit forder to truble and vnquiet myne estait, quhilk euidentlie apperis be dyuerssis thair procedingis in that poynt, quhairof I thocht convenient to aduerteis your (lo), assuring myself of your (l) taciturnitie heirin, And thairfoir Reposing on your (l) fauorable dealing towardis me, will press your (l) to purpose and communicat my lordis chancellar, and iustice clerk in thir myne adois, incysting with tham for appoyntment to be had at thair handis; for I wald be glaid to bestow sum of my gere to lewe[1] in quietnes, quhilk I dout nocht bot your (l) can mair vyslie bring about nor I can informe. Alwayis gif your (l) can bring the mater to this end, as I vndirstand hes bein spokin to tham of befoir, that they will tak in hand to repone me in my awin place, in forme as I wes of befoir, and obtein securitie to me thairin, I will do my vtirmaist endevoir to satefie tham thairfoir sa far as my power my reik;[2] quhairon I wald haife thair offir, and thaireftir sall do my diligence thairin at your (l) sycht. Bot I will nocht haife mony previe heirto except your (l) self, and my Lord of Lundoris, to quhom I haife wretin to assist your (l) in this poynt. Quhat end this sall sort to I wald be aduerteist with all expeditioun. I vnderstand that the maister of Caythnes lyis[3] tham to prevein[4] me in appoynting with my lordis cancellar and iustice clerk, and to mak my lord bothwell my enimie, and thairfoir pleis your (l) to be the mair diligente and circumspect in this mater. Referring the rest to your (l) guide handling and anser, committis your (l) to

[1] Live. [2] May extend. [3] ? Tryis. [4] Prevent.

god. ffrom kirkwall this xij of october, 1587.—Your (l) luiffing freind at power, Orknay.

To the Richt hono^{ll} The Lard of Barnbarrocht ane of the lordis of our souerane lordis sessioun.

Discharge by JOHN RUSSELL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 11th November 1587.

I Maister John Russell, advocat, be the tenor heirof grantis me to haife ressauit fra the handis of the rycht honorable Ser patrik wauss of Barnebarrocht, knycht, the sowme of fourtie sex poundis xiij sh iiij d mony; And that in satisfactioun of the annualrent of fourtene hundreth and nyne merkis restand awand to me be the said M^{r} patrik, And for payment quhairof he be his letters obligatoris, registrat In the buikis of counsall, become bund and obleist to me, And that for the mertimes terme, In the yeir of god 1m v^{cs} fourscoir sevin yeiris;[1] Togither also with the sowm of tuentie threi poundis vi Sh viii d, In part of payment of the witsondayis terme nixtocum, In the yeir of god 1m v^{cs} fourscoir aught yeiris, Of the quhilk sowm of fourtie sex poundis xiij sh iiij d In compleit payment of the said mertimes terme, and of the soum of tuentie threi poundis vi sh viij d In part payment of the said nixt witsondayis terme, I hald me weil content and satisfeit, And dischargis the said M^{r} patrik thairof for now and euir. Be thir presentis, Subscryvit with my hand at ed^{r} the allovint day of november, the yeir of god 1m v^{cs} fourscoir sevin yeiris. Befoir thir witnesses williame waddell Jo^{n} christesoun my seruitoris, Jo Russell.[2]

Endorsed by Sir Patrik Waus—M^{r} Johne Russellis acqtance of his a^{ll} for the mertimes and vidsonday ad^{o} 1588.

Letter from the MASTER OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th December 1587.

My Lord and father, my hertlie commendatiouns, I was glaid

[1] This is at the rate of 10 per cent.

[2] He passed advocate, March 1575-6, and he afterwards took a leading part in the reception of the queen by the city of Edinburgh.

to heir of your Lordschipis repairing toward Court at this tyme, seand I may haue that occasioun as to mene to your Lordschip the manifest and inexspectit wrang, quhilk vndeseruitly I sustene at the handis of the Justice Clerk, quha first prepairit the way to cancelett my leving, nixt hes tane my plaice our my heid,[1] and last of all, vnder termes of commouning and appoyntment, hes liftit ane cumpanie of suldartis in quoyet maner (as the commoun bruit is) to pass our[2] to Orknay, and Intruse thameselff in my possessioun, and to persew my fatheris lyffe to the vter exterminacioune of our raice; and that but[3] regaird to my bluid, my rycht, my friendschip, and null offence committit be me athir aganis his maiestie or him. Quhairwpon, seand your Lordschip is ane of my speciall friendis, and that I determene with my selff to do no thing in ony mater of wecht but[3] my freindis speciall adwyse, I haue send this present to your Lordschip, as I haue done the lyk to all my honourabill friendis to vnderstand quhat courss ye think meitest to follow, and ffor quhat assistance and help I may luik for in this my honest and wechtie actioun at your Lordschipis handis; For I persaue they intend no delay in thair Interpryse, quhilk in the end may be juged als folischelie attemptit, as wyselie Inventit, or happilie endit. And sua luikand for your Lordschipis ansuer, Committis your Lordschip to god. Frome Edinbrucht the xij of December 1587.—Your L fostersone at power,

Maister of Orknay.

To my verie guid lord The Laird of barnebarroch
lord off our souerane lordis sessioun.

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 27th January 1587-8.

My Lord, eftir my maist hartlie commendatioun, Pleis your L Thair is ane actioun persewit afoir your l, be James lidderdaill of sanctmarie Ile aganis Willame quhyteheid for reductioun of his infeftment of the grange mylne, quhilk actioun is veray vngodlie and vnreasonabill; Becaus williame quhyteheid is

[1] Over my head. [2] Over. [3] Without.

nocht onelie auld kyndlie tennent and possessour thairof past memor of man, Bot also vpoun his greit charges obtenit the first heritabill rycht and few thairof fra M^r^ Rob Richartsoun, prior of the Ile, mother brother to the Laird of the Ile perseuar, quha gaif the rest of the haill priorie gratis to the said James. Be the quhilk infefment william quhitheid hes continewallie sen the dait thairof possest the said mylne and pertinentis to this hour, and the Laird Ile, as factour to the prior, hes continewallie ressauit his maill and dewteis, And hes nathing to object nor querrell the said few, bot onelie for nonconfirming: ffor the Laird Ile vrangouslie and vnkyndlie sex or vii yeir eftir wa^m^ quhiteheidis few tuke ane new few of his awin Landis quhilkis he had of befoir (as gif he hade neuir hade thame befoir), and in that few includit the said mylne, and confirmit the samen vnknawin to the said w^m^ quhitheid, quha ves bot ane pure honest man, and mycht nocht weil spair siluer to confirme his; nochtwithstanding quhairof the said James neuir quarrellit his few quhill now, bot ressauit in the prioris name the said williames maillis yeirlie, and gaif discharges thairof as factour to the prior. And becaus the puir man is my friend and thay that dois for him dependis on me, and that the actioun is verray vnreasonabill, and expres aganis god and gude conscience, I man effectuslie requeist aud desyr your (l), as my speciall, To forther the puir man sa far as your (l) may ressonablie of conscience, And do him fauorable iustice for my caus. I wald nocht writtin to your (l) thairanent war nocht the puirman is ewill done to, and herreit, and opprest be the Laird of the Ile aganis ressoun. This, hoipping your (l) will do for my requeist lyke as I sall do for your (l) as your (l) will charge, referris the rest to the berar, and committis your (l) to god. Of kenmuir the xxvii of Januar 1587.—Your (l) at powar,

Lochinwer.

To my verray gude lord my lord of Barnbarrocht.

[The next letter is undated, but may follow this by the same writer, Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar, at this time one of the most powerful Barons of the West Country. Sir Patrick had

been summoned to hold Courts of Justiciary at Dumfries and Lochmaben in June 1582, and that may have been the occasion on which he had to deal with the "chapmen."]

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter my hartly commendatioun,[1] that the burgesses of kirkcudbrycht hes summoned the haill chapmen in sant Johnis clachen,[2] with the rest of the fute chapmen in Galloway, befoir your L, thinkand to haive thame dischargit[3] of thair chapmen craft, allegand that thay foirsthall[4] thair burgh and privilege. I dowt nocht bot your (L) knawis this chapmen-craft hes bene usit sen the begynnyng, and nevir stoppit be na man to this hour; and na wyss it can prejuge the merchantis, bot rather to thair help. And for this cawss, the pure[5] chapman the litill sober[6] siluer he hes he takis to the town, and wairis[7] it upon sik geir as the merchant hes, quhair throw he may mak his trafick be it; and siklik the litill sober[6] wairis he can obtene in the cuntrie, owther be scheep skyne or lambe skyne, he takis it to the merchantis. and disponis it to thame. Swa the merchantis is on na wyss hurt be it, for thai mak by thair travell to the merchandis behuve. Gif ony of the pure chapmen had bene of worthynes to haive gatherit togidder sik ane pak, and saillit the seyis,[8] I think that had bene sum foir-stalling of the merchandis, bot thair is nane of thame hes mair nor thai dow beir of thair bak, and scarce samekill. Thairfoir I pray your (l), gyf it comis in ressonyng befoir yow, that your (l) will help the pure chapmen, and sie thai be nocht hinderit of that wes usit sen the begynning, for I dowt nocht bot the merchandis or thair forbearis has cum up be chapmancraft, for I herd nevir tell in my tyme that ony pure chapman wes fownd falt with for travelling throw the cuntrie with his pak till now. This I pray your (l) remember on, for your (l) knawis

[1] "Ye sall wit" is probably omitted here.
[2] Kirkcudbright.
[3] Prohibited.
[4] Forestall.
[5] Poor.
[6] Moderate.
[7] Spends.
[8] Sailed the seas.

the estate of the cuntrie as well as I. Havand nocht ellis at this present, bot god preserve your (l) in gude helth.—Be your l assurit freind, Lochinver.

To the rycht hon[ll] the Laird of barnbarroch delyver this.

[The following undated letter is by the same.]

Letter from Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 5th February.

Sir, efter my hairtie commendatioun, ye remember I wrait to yow of befoir, schawand quhow that I haid tane ane assurance betuix Allex[r] bailye and gilbert of hannay, And that thai stuid maist vpon ane plent, quhilk apertenis vnto yow, And I persaue yeit thai stand maist vpon it. Thairfoir, for the weill of baith the parteis, I wald ye war guid in that causs, And causit thame ovther to keip nychtbourheid or lat the pleint by quhill farder-mar, for, geif thair beis nocht the greitter cummer, I sall cum vp throw and help to put that cummer away. This I wald ye did, as my traist is in yow. ye knaw my bruther hes dippit in to it, And of treuith by my acknawlege. Nochtwithstanding I wald it war mair ressonable Loukit vpon it, becaus he hes ado thairwith, quhilk sall na wayis be hurtfull to yow, for ye sall be satisfeit be reassoun at my vpcumme. Nocht ellis, bot god preserue yow. of the kenmoir, the v of fabruor.—Your freind at his power, lochinwer.

To my traist freind the Lard of Barnbarrocht.

Letter from ALEXANDER WAUS, Jun., to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 4th March 1587-8.

My Lord, eftir my maist hairtlie commendationis, Thir presentis ar to requeist your L that the berar, M[r] James Menzies, my tender kynnisman and freind, may have your L gudewill and forderance in ane caus of improbatioun mowit be him aganis the abbot of coupar, and doubtis nocht bot, eftir diligent tryell tane in that mater, for the respect of iustice your L will think your trauellis weill bestowit thereanent. I man

be the mair earnest for your L gudewill and forderance heirin in that I am becum obleist souerrtie for the said Mr James that he sall imprewe the same under a grate pane, quhilk godwilling he will nocht faill to do, and[1] iustice haue place. Thairfoir it will pleis your L to lat him understand that this my sute hes tane place with your L, sa far as ressoun allowis: ffor of dewty I can nocht bot mentene him with my power and moyane in his honest and lesome effairis. I never hard fra your L sen your hamecuming frome Denmark, quhairof I mervell, for my gudewill sall continew constant with your L. I think it meit your L trauall with tullybardin in my caus, as occasioun beis offerit, in consideratioun he is maist meit for me in that mater, thir landis being maist adiacent to him, as this gentleman will at mair lenth schaw your L, whome pleis credit. giff my eldest sone hed bene at hame I wald have directit him specialie for this mater, bot he hes bene this space bygane with cultoquhay. I sall nocht faill to be at your L, giff it sall seme expedient to your L for the better forderance of this caus. Sa ceissing to trouble your L with langer lettre, remitting to your L anser, committis your L in the protectioun of the eternale. ffrom Perth this ferd of Merche,

Alexander Waus, Junr.

To the Rytt honoble and his maist speciale,
The laird of Barnebarraut.

Contract between the Laird of Barnbarroch and Sir Andrew Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, 29th March 1588.

At the kirk of glenluce, the xxix marche, the yeir of god 1m fyve hundreth fourscoir aucht yeiris, It is appointit betuix Ser patrik waus of barnbarrach knycht, and taikand the burding vpon him for Johne waus, his sonne and appeirand air, on the ane part, and andro agnew, serref of Wigtoun, on the vther part, in maner following, that is to say, forsamekle as for awoyding of all contraversies that may arryss betuix the saidis parties tuich-

[1] An, if.

ing the theffis[1] to be serchit and apprehendit with reid hand within the landis of Loch Mochrome Loch be ather of thame, It is now finalie aggreit betuix thame that the first apprehendar of reid hand, and personis fund thairwith, salbe execute according to the lawis of the realme, the commoditie and profeit of the escheit of the personis convicted to be equalie distributit betuix the saidis parties, and baith the saidis parties officiaris to have frie libertie in ryping[2] and serching of the saidis landis but[3] stop or Impediment to be maid be ather of partiis; And for the mair fermitie heiroff baith the saidis partiis ar content and consentis that thir presentis be registrat In the buikis of the commisserial of wigton, and to have the strenth, force, and effect of ane decreit of the said commisserial, with lettres of hornyng and poynding to pas heirvpon vpon ane simple charge of sex dayis, the ane nocht to preiudge the vther; And to that effect maikis constitutis and ordanis Johne hannay provest of wigtoun and Ilk ane of thame, thair procuratouris to compeir befoir the said commisser, and grant to the registratioun heirof promitten de rato be thir presentis, subscryvit with thair handis day, yeir, and place foirsaid, befoir thir witnessis, Johnne hannay of kirkdaill, James m^c^culloch of drummorrall, paull dunbar, and michaell cochrane notar publict,

Barbarrach.

Andro agnew sereff of wigtoun.

Jo^n^ hanay vitness Michaell cochrane notar publict witness James m^c^culloch witness.

my lord commisser, ye sall registrat this lettre betuix ws, keipand thir presentis for your warrand at the desyre of this our procurator abouewrittin, obligando ratum, Barnbarrach

Andro agnew.

[On back in Sir John Waus's hand]—

Coppei off the band betuix the Sereff and my father.

Letter from Robert Maxwell in Garrarie to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 27th April 1588. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun of seruice, ples your

[1] Thieves. [2] Searching. [3] Without.

I vnderstand that malcolm flymyng hes caussit summond me to compere befor the lordis of secret consell the penult day of this instant, lyk as your (ll) may persaiff be the coppe of the lettir. heirpresent; and it is of verete, my (ll), that be the tyme of the charg, lyk as it is, yeitt that I vas at greit desceis and seiknes of body; beresson of the quhilk my gudsonnis trewelit vith the lard of garleis to schaw his credit tovards malcolm flymeng in staying of the persuit of the lettres at this tyme in respeik of my seiknes, the quhilk vas alvterle[1] Reffussit; I(n) Respeik quhairof I man be now, lyk as I haif bein contenualie, hemle to charg your (ll) schaw your (ll) creidit befor the consell for my part, and stay, giff your (ll) may, the executioun of ony ferther lettres contrar me quhill ane certan day, at the quhilk tyme I sall compeir, giff I be leiffand, and nocht vexit vith seiknes of body. And, my lord, gif your (ll) stayis all thingis contrar me, I vnderstand it is neidfull that cation sould beffund for comperance, your (ll) salbe cation, or vthervayis causs sum be cation, for my comperance, the quhilk god willing I sall Releiff, sebeing ye salbe apoyntit quhen your (ll) vilbe in scotland. for in your (ll) absence I think hard to enter, bot your L sall be suir and[2] cation be fund for my duties I sall entir, or elis your L sall nevir sie me. Your L man athir help at this tyme or elis sinc[3] me to wrak, quhilk is ne honour. in caiss that your L cane nocht get the mater continovit, thair man be sum help maid, and the sinatour[4] of my asschet gotten and componit for one my awin expensis; bot the dait of the asschet may nocht be fillit, quhill eftir the denvnsatioun. do is[5] your L wull, for I hawe ne help vthir vyiss. god[6] that your L be vyce.[7] of the grang, this xxvii of apryle,[8]—Your l assurit frend and seruand,

Robert maxwell in garrary.

To my speciall lord and master my lord of barnbarroch knycht this be delyverit.

[1] Utterly. [2] An, if. [3] Sink, or it may be "suire," for suffer.
[4] Signature. [5] As. [6] The word "grant" omitted.
[7] Wise.
[8] The year is not stated, but it was probably 1588. Sir Patrick was expected to return to Denmark as ambassador in that year, and the writer anticipates his

Letter from Sir JOHN MAITLAND (Lord Thirlestane), the Chancellor, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 24th April 1588.

My lord, efter my vearye hartlie commendatioun, althocht we be allwayis occupyit in sic thingis as ar to be done heir, we ar not unmyndfull of yow and your voyage, and thairfoir I have tane occasioun heirby to desyre yow to travell be quhat meanes ye can best for provisioun of sylver, and in case it stick upon the securitie that will be desyrit thairfoir, sic shalbe had as shall content thame, at quhais handis the sylver is ressavit, I thincke it meit lykwyiss that ye deale for ane schip, and mak your uther preparatives quhilk are necesser, to the effect that at his majesties returne, quhilk I shall haist sa sone as is possible, ye may have lesse to do, and be readdyer for your voyage, Quhilk not doubting ye will thincke meit to be done, till nixt occasioun I commit yow in godis holye protectioun—from Jedburcht this xxiiij of Apryle 1588.—Your Very luffing freind to powar,

John Maitland.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

Letter from the LAIRD OF GARLIES to the MASTER OF ORKNEY, 23d May 1588.

Richt honorabill Ser, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your writting the xxiij of this moneth desyring me to cum to ed^r^, and thair to compt and rakin,[1] and mak payment to yow of that quhilk restis of your benefeis of quhithorne within aucht dayes efter the resait of your letter, or vtherwayis ye wilbe at your avantage, and nocht to wryte to me fra this tyme furth for the caus foirsaid. Ser I vnderstand that ye ar behind, and nocht resauit your payment altogether as ye suld; And, gif ye be mekill behind, I am sumquhat mair; for of treuth the last siluer that ye gat fra me was of my awin siluer, and nane of your priorie; Nor yit had I never ane plak thairfoir of

absence, and wishes the time of his compearance to be fixed while Sir Patrick is in Scotland. See next letter.

[1] Reckon.

your benefeis, Bot restand still in thair handis that suld pay it, ffor it is trew the Lairde of barnebarroche, your econimus, hes neuer payit me ane plak yit nather of his teyndis nor few maillis of his Landis; as also the maister and maistres of vchiltre is restand all thair payment thir thrie yeiris bygane in lyk maner of thair Landis and maillis; And thridlie the guidman of ard-millan of his landis, besyde mony vtheris sindrie evill dettoris that I can nocht wryte to yow. Seing I am this far behind with thame that I have to do with It will pleis yow have patience quhill I may get it of thame, quhilk salbe with alss greit expedition as I can. And albeit ye get it nocht swa sone as ye would, ye sall be thankfullie payit thairof swa sone as I can have of thame, quhilk I hoip salbe betuix this and mertingmes nixtocum. Giff ye war anis[1] payit, ye sall nocht be swa far behind with me swa Lang as I have to do with your benefeis, for ye sall knaw certanlie that the wyte[2] salbe in evill Dettoris, and nocht In me; bot alvayis ye salbe payit, and[3] the dettoris war never swa evill. Laving to troubill yow with farther letter, committis yow to the protection of god. At the clarie the xxiij day of Maii 1588.—Your M assurit ffreind at power,

Garleis.

I hoip barnebarroche sall gif yow siluer to be doand with quhill he and I compt, seing I gat never nane fra him.

To the Richt honorabill and his guid ffrend
the Maister of orknay this be directit.

[This letter names Barnbarroch as Iconomus of the Priory of Whithorn, and must have been forwarded to him by his nephew, the Master of Orkney, who succeeded his father as Prior in 1581.]

Letter signed MARIE STEUART (wife of the Master of Gray) to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 27th May 1588.

Rycht hono[ll] Ser, forsamikill ye sall wit that I am informit that me Lord my fether is To pas to Scheitland, and to tak vp

[1] Ance, once. [2] Blame. [3] An, if.

his gold thair, and is abill to dispone the samen without making any payment to the Mr my husband and me of the siluer that is Resting in his handis. And in Respek that ye and the Laird of pennycweik[1] standis cautionaris to ws for the samen, I wald pray yow and him baithe that ye wald wreit ernistle to me Lord my fether for the samen, and schaw him that ye will nocht faill to be trublit schortlie for the samen; And that ye will schaw the Mr my husband sic Luif and fauour heirintill now in his absence, as ye wald he schew yow in tyme to cum. And gif ye think it meit that the kingis magisteis Letter be haid for the samen effect, hendrie wardlaw will grant it, and send it with youris also. Swa not doutting of your guidwill and deligenss heirintill, I commit yow to the protectioun of the almichtie god. ffrome brouchtie this xxvii of maii 1588.—Be youris assurit to be commandit, Marie[2] Steuart.

To the Rycht honoll and my assurit guid freind
the Laird of barnbarrow.

Letter from Peter Young to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 19th June 1588.

My Lord, I ressauit apon the xvj of this instant your Lordshipis of the xij, and ane vther of the xiiij, quhairby I was informit of sindry thingis that I was glaid to heir, quhairof I hertly thank your Lordship. I awaite still as before apon your Lordshipis aduertisment, and that eftir your Lordship hes spokkin his Majestie; not that I wald cloise your Lordshipis handis from wretting and sending vnto me before that tyme, bot to schaw your Lordship that I intend not to steir quhill I heir

[1] Penicuik.

[2] This letter, signed Marie Steuart, was almost certainly written by the eldest daughter of Robert, Earl of Orkney, and wife of Patrick, Master of Gray. She dates from Brouchtie, a possession of Lord Gray; for Patrick, fifth Lord Gray, had a charter of the lands of Crag of Brochtie in 1542 (*Doug. Peerage*). The Master of Gray, after enjoying great favour from the king, and having been ambassador to England in 1584, and again in 1586, had fallen into disgrace, and had been banished from Scotland in this year. This Marie Steuart was Sir Patrick's niece by marriage.

of your Lordship quhat his Majestie intendis to do. I feir the syluer was ordanit for the iournay hes bene imployit to serue the maist haist. It salbe weil done to lat his hienes vnderstand quhat ye haue lernit of Captain Kincaid, and, gif his Majestie remanis still of the mynd we left him in, to be in reddines as before. A sfor my part I salbe reddy to serue, and as willing to lye ydle, and suinge with my bukis, the wyf, and bairnis, gif his Majestie will permit me. Your Lordship knawis my very inwart mynd heirin. Being lately for sum occasioun in Montrois, and seing ane propre schip thair, I enterit to feil the mynd of the awnaris in cais we had ado with thame. Thair ansuer your Lordship will considder be thair awin letter. Lat me vnderstand att all occasionis of your Lordshipis weilfaire, and of Cummer Patrikis, quhome with your Lordship, eftir Cummer Petiris maist hertly commendationis and myne vnto yow baith, I commit to Goddis protectioun. In haist from Setoun, this xix of Junij 1588.—Your Lordshipis at command for ever,

P. Yowng of Setoun.

Gif we chance to have ado, I knaw not ane schip meiter for ws nor this of Montross, for sho is ane trim sailer, and is fyfetene or saxtene tunn mair nor Jhone Gardenaris schip, and wantis na thing necessare to decore hir. I wald thay had ane anser. I belief thay micht be brocht to brek of this soum.

To my very gud Lord my Lord of Barnbarracht
Ane of his majestijs preuy Counsall and Session.

Letter from Margaret Lyonn, Lady Hamilton, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 2d July 1588.

Richt speciall freind, Eftir my veray hartlie commendationis, having resauit ane letter frome my guid friend the Laird of calderwood, making mention, how that he obtenit the gift of escheitt of certane persones within clyddisdaill, and now the same is to be resonit befoir the excheckker, quhair ye will be present; and seing he is ane, quhomto I am greatlie obleist, I man pray yow effecteuslie for my caus to schaw him the favor

ye may, sua that he may haif occatione bayth to contenew his former guidwill, as also to report the curtesie schawin be yow. for thair is na plessor ye do him but I will accompt the samen as done to my self, and for the uther persones quhome aganes he hes lettiris, I haif nevir fond thair gudewillis. This I leif to wryte forder, and remittis the rest to his awin Informatione, and sua committis yow to god. frome hammilton the Second day of July 1588.—Your assurit guid frend at powar,

Margaret Lyonn.

I pray yow to lat my hartly commendationis be rememberit to your bedfallow.

To my richt speciall and assurit freind
the Laird of barnbarro.

Letter from THOMAS GRAHAM of Craig to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 3d July (perhaps) 1588.

My lord, efter my hartlye commendatioun of seruyce, your (l) sall wit vpon ane decreit, gottin be me aganis the lard of heriss.[1] I rasit letteris to charge him to mak me payment, becauss I culd nocht get the sam vtherwyss; and now he hes rasit letteris of suspentioun, and hes neuer offerrit first the sovme to me, vpon ane falss naratyif, makand mentioun that he nor nane of his seruandis durst cum in the cuntre, to offer the sam to me, quhair I duelt, be ressone of the deidlie feid betux the kendedyis and his seruand, quhilk Is vntrew; for thair is ane assurance lang syne tane quhill mechelmes, or hallowmes, and him self send syne hes bene dyuerss tymes in the cuntre, and riddin throw the cuntre to galloway. I haue vritin my information to my procurator m thomas craige, and hes desyrit robt to speik your (l) hereintill, and prayes your (l) to be helpfull to the sam: It may abill be your (l) caiss heirefter. ferder your (l) sall wit I can get na payment of the teindis of kirkoswald, nor dale[2] becauss they haif saquastrat the haill fruittis thairof for raparing of the queiris,[3] and gevin me ane coppie,

[1] William, Lord Herries, succeeded 1582. [2] Dally. [3] Choir.

quhilk your (l) sall ressaue, and louiss vpoun catioun; and It Is of treuth thai haue never yit menit to begin ony part of thair awin, bot thinkis to causs this to be ane stop to the payment of the teindis, to the quhilk I dout not bot your (l) will put remeid or your hame cuming. ferder I pray your (l) to raiss letteris vpon your sonis[1] provition to compell the parochionnaris to mak payment to him, and vtheris his factoris and taksmen in his name, byth of horning and punding, quhilk I belief your (l) will get, and bring thame hame with your (l) to barnbarroych; and I sall cum to your (l) and commoun ferder in that purposs, quhilk your (l) writ to me last of. nocht trubbling your (l) with ferder letter at this present, bot committis your (l) to the protexioun of the eternall god. from the craige the third of July be youris (l) at command and seruice,

thomas graham of craige.

To the rycht honorable and his speciall gud Lord
the laird of barnbarroych delyuer this.

Letter from the CLERK REGISTER to the SHERIFF OF GALLOWAY to exempt Sir Patrick Waus from Taxation, 11th July 1588.

Ry^t honorable, Efter maist hartly commendationis, This salbe to certifie yow that the haill Lordis of the Counsall and sessioun, under prelacis, alsweill of the spirituale als temporall estate, hes bene, and ar, fre and exemit in tyme bigane from all pament of ony stentis or taxationis grantit to our souerane lord, or his predecessouris, according to thair priuilege grantit at the institution of the college of iustice. And thair partes of the saidis stentis and taxationes hes bene allowit to the collectour thairof in thair bigane comptis, quhilk I haue thocht gude to testifie vnto yow, To the effect that ye may vse my Lord of barinbarrauch, being ane of the ordinar nowmer of the sessioun, in that same maner, quhilk I doubt nocht salbe allowit to yow.

[1] His son may have been born in 1574. He had the gift of the commendatorship of Crossraguel in 1587.

God preserue yow. At edinburgh, the xi of July, 1588.—Youris to be commundit, A. Hay.

To the richt honorable the Sereff of galloway and his deputy.

Mutilated Letter by LADY BARNBARROCH, to GEORGE VAUSS her servant. Perhaps July 1588.

Geordie Vauss, forsamekill as I pray you that ye faill nocht to caus cleip the scheip with all diligence sa sone as yie sie ane sett of weddir, and how sone yeild scheip and meilk scheip ar all cleippit, ye sall adverteiss me with diligence howe meikill the haill wool extendis to (the ministris twa stane, and twa stane to the ladye of carnsalloche, being first tane off). Be verie ernest to resave robine clugstonis, and Johne M'clereis, woll, and faill nocht to tak up the same fra thame bayth. As to the beir ye sall send it all out as I commandit you, except the xxiiii bollis, to gidder with the beir quhilk ye ar to resaif out of kerndone, quhilk ye sall nocht send out, and faill nocht to be ernest to seik the beir in kerndone, and resave fra him twa bollis at the leist. ye sall pray him to gif yow als meikill as he may spair and tak the twa bollis befoir ye vant all. albeit he sould by the same, tak na less nor twa bollis. ye sall direct all boyis, and Jon kennadye, to the millis, and gif they refuiss, gar tak thair geir, and causs compryss thame, and tak the geir comprysit, and sell the same, and resave the siluer, and keip the same till to compt. And furneis ye thame als meikill meill out of the girnell. in cais the childer be nocht anserit immediatlie efter thair hame cuming, (ye sall) anser ilk ane of thame of halff ane pek meill be ten dayis, (and ye sall) gett in thair awin, and rasaiff ye the pryce thairof fra ilk ane (of thame, or) vtherwayis als meikill meill fra the myllaris: and (I pray you faill) nocht to do this. farther causs Jonet m'dowall fall to the (spinning of the wool to) be the comptar clayth,[1] and gar spine the same (with diligence,) and gar put thrie quarteris of blewe woll of the fynest in my wairdrope, and sa meikill quyt[2] woll as wilbe ane

[1] Counterpane. [2] White.

(vther quarter;) and ye sall mak it of lenth that it may serve the (buird) quhen bayth the leiffis ar led out, and thrie quarteris (mair) to hing over at the endis of the buird; and ye sall gar hir m(ak ane) silvaige, with ane braid strype in the midis ane neiff braid, with (twa)? narowe stryppis on ilk syd of the braid strype. And siclyk (faill nocht) to caus Jonet m^{c}dowall quhen all the wool is in the wairdr (ope, tak) als meikill of the langest and fynest as will be ane stane (of weill) washine wool, Becaus it man be fynnit, to be my stamyng[1] (clayth. and) anser m^{c}cady of ane of the wair hyddis that the hird hes in the caskrew. gar gif everie boy ane pek of meill in twelff dayis, and gif m^{c}cadie ane pek in xx dayis, as I haue commandit. Ye sall gar Jonet m^{c}Dowall washe the woll, and mak it clein to ( ) stane wecht. And siclyk gar weill[2] ane vther stane and send o( ), quhilk I will mak grein. faill nocht quhen ye gang to the caskrew to caus gilbert bailzie resave als mony lambis as sould be gottin for the trokkis that was gevin out, and siclyk the lambis that was gevin out for trokis in the airleis and barglass. faill nocht to do thir thingis aboue ryttin. Attour get ane boll of the fynest aittis[3] that cumis in the Ile, and caus mak grottis thairof, and haue ane pek thairof radie agane our hame cuming, and gif the rest to the bairnis, sie that the bairnis be weill handlit, as ye will anser to me thairupon. Swa having na farther occasion, bot sie thir particularis be done,

Dame katrein kennedy.

To my servand george Vauss in barnbarrath Delyuer this.

Letter from Thomas, Tutor of Cassillis to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 14th July, 1588.

Broder, efter my hartlie commendationis, I ressavit your lettir and hes considerit the effect thereof; alwayis ye sall witt I am summoneit be the laird of lochinvar to keip the xxv day of this instant, notwithstanding the commoning betuixt me and him in the actionnis amangis ws. quhat this meanis I knaw nocht; as also I am to ressaive the kingis ma lettir this

[1] Taminy, a sort of worsted cloth. [2] Wale, choose. [3] Oats.

monnonday, the xv day of this instant, requiring me to be at this conventionn ye xx day of this moneth. It is trew broder I am [1]diseasit of my fay[th] and treuth with ane fiver, lyk as I wrait to yow of befoir, and am nocht convalessit as yit. And I am informit my lord hammiltoun[2] is nocht weill lykit of at this present, and for all my lord of huntlie[3] and his future spous culd nocht or do at the kingis ma thay culd prevaill na thing for my lord maxwell, and I heir that the speciall causs of this conventionn is for ane assyss to my lord maxwell, and the repoirt is that he is nocht to eschaip. It is trew I lyk nocht mekill to be at thair doingis, and I man on force keip the said xxv day of this instant for this matter betuix me and Lochinvar. And gif I cum to that, and obey nocht the desyre of kingis (g) Lettir, it wilbe ane causs of tarrowing on me. Thairfoir I meine to be in edinburche upone sunday at evin nixttocum, god willing, gif I may be able ayther to ryde or gang. Alwayis ye sall shaw the chanceler of my diseas and seiknies, as I dout nocht bot his (l) hes hard; bot shaw him na thing of ye kingis ma letter cumming to me, for albeit I be in ed[r] on sunday at evin nixt, yit I beleif I salbe compellit to keip my bed for twa or thrie dayis eftir my cuming; Quhairfoir I have directit this berare to yow, that I may undirstand be your lettir, befoir my ryding, of the estait and appearance of all materis, Togidder with your

[1] Paper gone.

[2] It is to be remembered that this was the year of the Spanish Armada. It had been a question the previous year whether Lord Maxwell should be banished, and though "licence was granted to him to remayne at hayme for a certayne space," he thought it prudent to go abroad, and went to Lisbon. We then learn, under date April 1588 : "The Lord Maxwell returnit from Spayne in Scotland, althought he had not obtenit the king's licence for that effect," and that the cause of his return was his hope in the success of the Armada. "Bot evin as that navie was frustrat, so was he; for howsone the king understude of his arryval, he incontinent sent to my Lord Hamilton, to my Lord Hereis, and to the Knycht of Lochinvar, who were soverteis for Maxwell that he sould not returne without the king's licence, under a picuniall sowme. The quhilk he repetit of thayme and was payit" (*Hist. King James VI.*).

[3] "Vpone the xxi day of Julii 1588 Huntlie wes maried vpone the duik of Lennox eldest sister within Holyroudhouse chappell be the bischop of St Androis at quhilk tyme thear wes great triumphe, mirthe, and pastime."—*Moysie's Memoirs.*

resoluit counsall quhat ȳe think meitest to me to follow furthe in my cuming, and quhen ye esteme best with sik uther newis as ye have for present; and that ye direct this berare with sik diligence, as he may be at me but faill on fryday at evin nixt, in the Coiff at the fordest, for I meane to tak purpois upone your anser, and as I am yit advysit I think to be thair on sunday at evin as said is; thairfoir the berare may nocht faill to be at me on fryday as said is, I sall direct the rest of my mynd with my servand gilbert Ross, quha wilbe at you on wedensday at evin nixt, whairunto I refer ye rest. Sua committis yow to godis protectioun. off maybole the xiiij day of July 1588.—Be Youris L assurit broder, Thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my richt assurit broder
My lord off Barnbarach.

Letter from THOMAS, Tutor of Cassillis, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH. No date, but may have been written about this time. [Holograph.]

Brodir, eftir my hartlie commendationis, ye sall persaue be my lord hamiltounis[1] lettir, quhilk ye sall resaue, what necessitie thair is of my lord leit chanslar[2] discharge; thairfoir ye man with all posseble diligens send it with this berar to me, wtherwayis my lord hammilton will haif just causs to refuiss to mak my releif. I haif retineit my lordis servand apone the returneing of this berar, haifing nevir ane word newis. ye sall wit the tryst betuix Lochinwar and me haldis nocht. wreiting in haist frome dachquharrand. this mounday, at wiij houris.—Be youris brodir at powir, thomas tutor of Cassillis.

To my brodir the lard of barnbarache.

Letter from the MASTER OF ORKNEY to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 24th July 1588.

My lord and father, efter my veiray hartlie commendationis,

[1] First Marquis of Hamilton, who married the widow of fourth Earl Cassillis.

[2] Lord Glammis, Chancellor, who died 17th March 1577-80, was tutor before Sir Thomas Kennedy.

I haue ressauit your (lo) letter, and hes considderit the contentis thairoff, giffand your lo maist hartlie thankis for your lo guid-will and favour schawin now to me as of befor. I haue directit this berar, patrik Munteith, to your (lo) and to the laird of garlyis To requeist your (lo) to speik the laird of garlyes for the dewteis of the priorie of quhithorne, quhilk he is addettit to me as your (lo) knawis, and to delyuer the samen to the berar to satisfie sic creditouris as I am adettit to in edy^{r}, as he can schaw your (lo); quhom your lo pleis credit in ony thing that he sall declair to your (lo) in my name. Referring the rest thairto, and new occasioun, committis your (lo) to the protectioun of the almychtie god. ffrom kirkwall the xxiiij of July 1588.—Be Your lo sone at power, M^{r} of Orknay.

To my verray guid Lord my lord of
barnebaroch this be Delyuerit.

Receipt by Sir JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar for repayment of forty "Angellis" of gold, 27th July 1588.

I, Sir Johne Gordoun of Lochinwar, knycht, grantis me to hawe resavit fra the hand of m^{r} Sir Patrik Vaus of barnebarroch, knycht, the number of fourtie Angellis of gold, borrowit fra me be the said Sir Patrik, quhairof I hawe his obligatioun: of the quhilk fourtie Angellis of gold I hold me weill content and payit, and exhoneris the said Sir patrik of the same for ever, and grantis the obligatioun deleverit be him to me thairof satisfied in all poyntis, and dischairgis him of the samyn for ever. Be thir presentis, subscryvit with my hand at ed^{r} the xxvii day of Julij, the yeir of god 1^{m} v^{c} foresoir aucht yeiris, befoir thir witness James M^{c}culloch of drummorrell, williame gordoun, and James gordoun, my servandis, lochinver.

On back—lochinvarris acquittance of
xl angell nobillis.

Letter (in Latin) from GERHARDUS RANTHOUIS, from Cronenberg to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d August 1588.

Magnifice, clarissime, ac nobilissime Domine, amice, propensâ

benevolentiâ colende, etsi hoc tempore quod communicam tua mag:[1] nihil singulare constat, tamen, nactus hac scribendi oportunitate, hisce meis literis te inuisere placuit.

Huc accedit, magnifice Domine, tuos adolescentes nobiles, Hinricum lausonium, et Ericum Banner, adducendos tecum in Scotiam, uberioris cognitionis gratiâ, hic in Dania tua autoritate commisisse, Repetisse antem Hinricum ante semestre patrios lares, mihi est relatum Johannem Vallas,[2] cognatum tuum, qui aliquandiu hic apud me moram fecit, ante semestris spatium ad aliquem sui amicum, Dominum nobilem Suecicum, Andreas Ket nomine, profectum, ut iam non dubitem, quin in Scotiam peruenerit.

Cum autem Ericus Banner, ad uberiorem cognitionem adipiscendam idoneus, aut mihi tua mag: eum per presentem meum ministrum, Hermannum von saxe, statim mihi remittere dignetur, etiam atque etiam oro. Vicissim in similibus et paribus officiorum generibus me tua mag: promptissimum atque teriustissimum habebit. Hisce te omnipotenti Deo commendo. Vale. Data cleri manu Cronenberg 23 Augusti Anno 88.

Si quid nouarum apud uos percrebuerit, mihi ut communices magnopere peto, Gerhardus Ranthouis.[3]

Magnifico, clarissimo, ac nobilissimo Domino, Patricio Vausius, Baroni a Barnbarrathe, equiti aurato, serenissimi Regis Scotorum legato, ac consiliario, Domino ac amico suo colendo. ad manum.

Letter from JOHN RUSSELL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 4th October 1588.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendationis, I haif directit this berar purpoislie to your (ll) for the siluer quhilk suld be pait be your (ll) to me befoir martimes, And to mak your ll foirsein

[1] Magnificientia. [2] Wallace.

[3] Bredon Ranzou was the ambassador of Denmark who accompanied Queen Anne to Scotland in April 1580.—*Marriage of James VI.*, Edinburgh, 1828, Bannatyne Club.

that I be nocht disapontit thairof. The treut Is I man delyuer to the laird of Blakbaronie, for my ludgeing quhairin I dwell, aucht dayis befoir mertimes, the sovme of four thowsand merkis, and hes promesit the same wpon my honestie and creideit, Sua that I may one nawayis disapoint the gentill man; Besydis that in cais I suld nocht end with him at this tyme It will turne to my greit hurt. heirfoir I beseik your (ll), seing that sovme quhilk is in your l handis Is ane guid part of that quhilk man be delyuerit, that your ll (all excuses set asyd) will nocht faill to haif it radie agane the first of the nixt moneth, as ewir your ll luikis to haif power to command me, and all the geir I haif. I am assurit, albeit your ll war nocht addettit to me, yit I haifing sic ane necesser turne to do, I mycht haif power to borrow sa mekle fra your (ll); ffor your (ll) salbe assured quhenewir your ll sall haif to do to your honour, and haif power to command me, and all that I haif; and thairfoir I luik for the lyk, your ll knawis how that continowallie, sen my renunciatioun of the landis of kinnocher, I haif biddin your ll laser pacientlie in this mater, now thrie yeiris bygane with the mair, and war nocht your ll was vpon your journey to denmark this last mertymes, I culd nawayis haif gudelie wantit it. And I knaw perfytlie now your (ll) hes that commoditie to do that turne at your plesour, lyk as your (ll) rememberis ye promesit faytfullie It suld be done. I haif lettres to denunce your ll vpon ane simpill charge of sex dayis according to your obligatioun registrat, bot I thocht nocht expedient to send the same In, seing I am assured I neid nather to vse chargis to move your ll to do your dewtie; bot gif your (ll) mein ony wayis to delay me, I wilbe compellit of necessitie to vse the same; And thairfoir luiking for your (l) resolut anser in wreit with this berar, with my hartlie commendationis to your ll bedfellow, I commit yow to god. frome ardinstinschar, the 4 of october, 1588.—
Your ll Awin to be commandit, Jo. Russell.

as for newis the crovnar[1] is past to Denmark in commissione.

To the honorabill the Laird of Bairnbaro.

[1] Colonel Stewart, who was sent on his mission in August, and returned on 15th November (*Moysie's Memoirs*).

Discharge by Mr JOHN RUSSELL to Sir PATRICK WAUS, 1st January 1588-9.

I Maister Johnne Russall, aduocat, be the tenor heirof grantis me to haif ressauit fra Dauid reid, aduocat, In name and behalf of Sir patrik vaus of Barinbarro, knycht, the sovme of fourten hundrethe and nyne merkis, addettit to me be the said Ser patrik, In respect quhairof, and that the said Dauid be his lettres obligatoris Is becum bund and oblesit to retein in his handis to my beheiste ane greit chenzie of gold, pertening to the said Ser patrik, weyand and contenand threttein scoir and threttein Linkis, quhill I be compleitlie pait of the sovme of twa hundret and nyne merkis, restane awand vnpait to me be the said Ser patrik. Thairfoir to haif renuncit and dischargit, and be thir presentis renunces and dischargis the obligatoris maid and grantit to me be the said Ser patrik, registrat in the buikis of consall, be the quhilkis he was bund and oblesit to mak me payment of the sovme of fyftein hundrethe and fourtie merkis, as in the same at mair lent contenit, with all executione that may follow thairvpon; And for the mair securitie I am content and consentis that thir presentis be registrat in the buikis of consall ad futuram rei memoriam, And for registering thairof makis and constitutis

And ilk ane of thame, coniunctlie and seuerallie, To compeir for me and consent thairto. In witnes quhairof I haif subscryuit thir presentis with my hand, at edy^{r} the first day of Januar 1588 yeris. Befoir thir witnes M^{r} Ro^{t} Irving, Johnne crysteson, my seruitoris, with vtheris dyuerssis.

Jo. Russell.

M^{r} Ro^{t} Irving.

[Endorsed by Sir Patrick Waus]—

M^{r} Johnes Russellis acquitance of all siluer In avyn hym.

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st June 1589.

My Lord, Eftir my verray hartlie commendatioun, It is nocht vnknawin to your (ll) of the actioun depending betuix the Lady

Loichermoss, me, and my tenentis, in the quhilk actioun thair is certane witnessis to be resauit on tyisday nixt. I assuir your (ll) that the said actioun hes na grond bot vpoun conscience nor ressoun; and as twicheing the pointis quhilk the said Lady hes offerit to prove, scho is plainlie myndit to vse falss probation thairintill baith be word and writ; and scho is sa heavelie menit be the Lordis for hir Inopportune crying, that thai beleave all is trew scho sayis, and my puir tenentis can haue na iustice. Thairfoir I will pray your (ll) maist ernistlie that ye will nocht faill to sit thair but your self vpoun tyisday to sie that na falset tak that mater away, and that na man be admittit bot sic as ressoun wald, and that Lykwyis ye wald nocht faill to heir thame exhaminat efternone, that ye may sie that our Interrogatoris be nocht omittit, nor na collusioun be vsit heirin. This my ressonable deser I beleave your (ll) will nawyis pretermit, as ye will do me pleser, for I seik noght bot the treuth to be tryit. swa leving to truble your (ll) with forder at the present, I commit your (ll) to goddis protectioun. from hamilton, this first of Junij 1589.—Your guid frend at power,

Margaret lyoun.

To the richt honorable the Laird of barnebarroch.

Letter from the Master of Orkney to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 22d June 1589.

My lord and fathair, efter my werie hairtlie commendationis It will pleyss your (l) that, amangis the rest of newis frome court, It is reportit be sundreis Resorting to this cuntrey that thair is ane piirat callit petersoun tane, quha hes, as is allegit, ane wrytting of my lord my fatheris, derect To the prence of parma, and the said allegit writ apprehendit may carrie sum Inconvenient, and preiudice to my lord and me, In cais the samen wer not prevented be dealegente foirsycht; quhilkis to heir of is ane greit mistre to me, seing the wncertente of the samen, and als how vncredabill It appeiris to me; ffor the quhilkis caussis I am movit to derect the beirar towart yow with thir few lynis, dissyring and requesting your (lo) to try and serche

furth the merite of this matter, geve ony sic letter be, or forder credet to the beirar the contentis thairof, and geve oney dainger may follow thair vpoun, and, as your (lo) findis, to mak me Informatioun be the samen beirar; to gidder with your (lo) guid aduysit consell, geve oney sic thing be, quhat salbe maist convenient for me to do thairanent, for I am bald and hamelie to preis your (lo) with panis in this and vthair my caussis, as your (Lo) sall haif power to command me to all honorabill and lesum caussis your (Lo) belanging to. Sua Leving to trubill your (lo) forder with langer letter, we pray god to haiff your (Lo) in his graice. of kirkwall this xxij day of Junij 1589.—Youris Lo to be commandit at power, Mr of orknay.

It will pleyss your Lo to haist and derect Dauid kennedie heir to this cuntrey with als greit dealegence as your (Lo) may.

[The leaf with address is missing.]

Letter from Edward Forrester to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 28th June 1589.

My (L), I come in to geif the Jeuellour xx lib, quhilk I had gotin be selling of ane thing and uther, and be sum small dettis Inawing me; bot the Jeuellour hes maist uncourteslie reteynit me heir, quhill I pay him the haill soum. thairfoir I pray your (L) ather send me siluer, or ellis get me out vpon your credeit; for geif your (L) lat me ly heir all this nycht, it wilbe mair to your (L) dishonour nor to my disprofeit. nocht ellis, bot beseikis your (L) to send ane hidder presentlie, for I think mair schame of this half hour by[1] my will, nor for the vther half yeir. fra the tolbuyth, this xxviii of Junij 1589.—Your (L) to be commandit at all power and seruice,

Eduarde forester.

To the rycht Honoble his werie gude lard my (L) barnbarrothe, and in his (L) absence to my ladie.

[1] Against.

Letter from James, Lord Lindsay, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 6th July 1589.

My lord, efter my wery hartlie commendatioun, pleis your (L) wit my lord sinklar,[1] quha maryit my father sister, hes ane actioun depending befoir your (L), quha is ane of the principall of that college of Justeice. Thairfoir I will requeist your (L) that he may haif jvsteice, And that your (L) will sie that he get na wrang, for my requeist. I dowt nocht bot it is schawin your (L) that my lord is nocht callit and oppressit, Bot hald me ane gud nychbour in quhat part that ewer his landis lyis in. I am hamlie with your (L) to sie that nether my lord, nor his sone the maister, my frind, get na wrang, quhilk I dowt nocht bot your (L) will do, as your (L) sall find me redy to comand to the wttermaist of my powr. Nocht ellis, Bot remitting the rest to your (Lo) awn (w),[2] comitts your (l) to the protectioun of the Lord. from the strudder, the saxt of Julii 1589. —Be youris at power to command, James L. lyndsay.[3]

To the Rycht honorabill and gud lord
my lord of barnebaroche delywer this.

Letter from John, Earl of Cassillis, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 20th July 1589.

Richt honorabill and assurit freind, eftir our hertlie commendatioun, fforsamekill as we understand our cusing the tutor[4] is cum a field to perfyte his tutor comptis, the quhilk geif sua be, we will desyre you that ye will haif attendence to his comptis, and to the forme of the samyn; and, gif it may be considderit or forsene thereby, to our weill that the comptrolling of his

[1] Henry, Master of Sinclair, married Janet, fourth daughter of John, fifth Lord Lindsay.

[2] Probably for "wisdome."

[3] James, seventh Lord Lindsay of Byres, succeeded his father, 11th December 1589.

[4] Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzeane signed, as tutor of Cassillis, his letter of 14th July 1588, and had appointments to keep that month. He was no longer tutor in March 1589-90, so the date of this must be 20th July 1589.

comptis will extend to ony availl ffarder nor the last appointment quhilk wes maid amangis us in Edr, that ye and sic as ye thocht meitest, suld had hand thairto; bot, except the samyn micht work in effect to us quhen ye haif considderit the samyn, we think the contravening of his comptis not neidfull. as annent the particular actionis quhilk we haif to do in the sessioun, we dowt nocht bot ye wilbe als cairfull for our weill as ony may, and that we be nocht preiudgit in ony thing that ye may furder us. referring the rest to ye berar, we committ yow in goddis protectioun. ffrom Sanctandros, the xx of Julij,
Be youris assurit ffreind,

Johne, erle of Cassillis.

To the richt honoll and our assurit ffreind
Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from NINIAN ADAIR of Kinhilt, Younger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 22d July 1589.

Rycht honoll and maist speciall eme, efter my hartly commendatioun, ye remember at our last meitting at edr I was ernist with yow for to haif had the soume of ane thowsandis merkis, for to haif done sice[1] necesar besines as ye knaw I had to do in the toun; and now it is of veritie the erle of cassillis hes writtin to me amangis the rest of his freindis and seruandis, and your (l) knawis that I haue bene travellan with your (l) and the tutour to haif purchest me ane roum of the erle of cassillis, and now the tutour thinkis it the meittest tyme that I can haif to get the mater done, when the tutor and curatouris ar al togidder with the erle. Quhairfoir I will maist ernestly requeist your (l), as euer I may do yow honour or pleser, that ye wilbe sa guid as to furneiss me ane thowsand merk quhill sax dayis forrow[2] mertimes nixt is, and I sall ressaue bot ix hundreth merkis, and thair salbe ane hundreth gevin for the profeit of it quhill than, and your (l) to bind me alss sicker as your (l) ma devyss, Invnder quhat penvltie ye pleiss, and to send in the wryte to me to be subscriuit, or yit to keip the

[1] Sic, such. [2] Before.

wryte with your (L) self quhill I cum, your (L) promesand to me of your honour credeit that I haif it within sax houris efter my lychtting,[1] vtherwyis your (l) knawis I will nocht cum thair. nocht doutting bot your (l) will do this, as euer I may do your (l) pleser, ather with my bodie or geir, and your (l) wryt quhat I may luik for heirin with all deligence with this berar, ffor your (l) knawis, gyf I ryd, we man be in sanctandrois the x of august, and in ed^{r} the xiii; sua gyf your (l) wilbe sa guid as to furneiss it, your (l) man haif the siluer in your awin hand ate the first of august. I will nocht trubill your (l) with langar lettre; with my hartly commendatiounis to my ant, your bedfallow, and all your bairnis. and god preserue your (l) in gude healthe. frome the Insche, the xxii of July, Be your (l) eme at his power to be commandit,

Ninian adair of kenhelt younger.

Your (l) sall keip this wryttin to testifie that I sall keip the substance of the samen gyf your (l) furneiss the siluer.

To the Rycht ḥono^{ll} (l) and my speciall eme
my lord of barnbarroche this to be deliuerit.

Letter from JOHN SHEARER, Messenger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 3d August 1589.

My lord, efter my wery hartlie commendatioun with seruice, your l sall wit that I resauit nocht the lettre fra the berar quhill the xxij of July, and sene syne I haif be diligent hes chergit the tutour, quha hes promissit to bring your l siluer affield with him schortlie. lykwyss I haif chergit florance m'dowall for xxvii merkis, and the gudman of baltersane[2] has gevin me his hand to pay your l in ed^{r} the xij of this instant, gif your l will stay horning sa lang; and, gif your l will nocht stay, send me word, and outher I sall haif payment or ellis horning. I haif resauit fra Johne chalmer ix lib for his tua termes for bromiston.[3] I haif resauit fra Johne cwnygham inster[4] v merkis for his merk land in straton; the gudman of penkell hes promissit his ten

[1] Alighting.
[2] John Kennedy.
[3] Or Brounston, or Komiston. ? Compstone.
[4] Word doubtful.

pundis, to haif it at me this tysday at evin. as to craiggoche ix lib, as I heir say, and the xvi merk of denene xvi lib, and me lordis awin landis, the tutour suld pay, I will keipe the siluer I haif resauit quhill your l send me word gif I sall denunce the tutour, and the rest that payis your l nocht in ed^{r}, acording to thair promiss. me lady cassillis man be chergit for the manis and millis of crosragal; gif your l meitis with hir, schow hir l, for I wit nocht what scho payis. nocht ellis for the presente, Bot commend me hartlie seruice to me lady, and god haif your l in keiping. from air, in haist, the thrid of agust 1589. Be your l at all power with seruice,

Johne scherar, messinger.

To the rycht hon^{ll} Lord me Lord of barnbarroch
Delyuer this.

Obligation by ARCHIBALD GEDDES to return a Gold Chain, 7th August 1589.

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres, me archibald geddes burges of edinburch grantis me to haif resaifit furth of the handis of the rycht hon^{ll} Ser patrik waus of barnbarrocht, knycht, ane goldin chein of fyne puir gold, veing [1] of Just wecht the nomber of threttie sex vnce, In pledge of sex hundreth merkis guid and vsuall money of this realme, quhilk soum of sex hundreth merkis, guid and wsuall money foirsaid, salbe redelywerit to the said archibald be the said Ser patrik aucht dayis befoir mertemes nixtocum, at the quhilk day I the said archibald sall redelywer the foirsaid chein of gold, keipeand the Just wecht aboue writtin. this I bind me to do be this my obligatioun, subscryvit with my hand, or at the leist my mark thairto affixit, at ed^{r}, the seivint day of august, the yeir of god 1^{m} v^{c} Lxxxix yeiris. Befoir thir witnes Jhone muir, ar^{d} geddes with vtheris dyversis.

Dame kathrein kennedy
lady baranbarocht.

Endorsed—ar^{d} geddes obligatioun.

[1] Weighing.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 30th August 1589.

Rycht traist Counsellour We greit yow weill, Oure mariage now at godis plesoure being concludit, and the Quene our bedfallow hourlie louked for to arryve, It becummis ws to haue sic as accumpaneis hir weill and honorablie interteneyit, as our ambassadouris hes furnd the lyke in pruiff alreddy. To the fortherance quhairof we mon employe the guid will of oure loving subiectis of best affectioune and habilitie, and thairfore ernestlie and effectouslie desyris yow that ye will send hither, to the help of the honorable charges to be maid in this actioun, sic quantitie of fatt beif and muttoun on fute, wyld foulis, and vennysoun, or vther stuff meit for this purpois, as possiblie ye may provyde and furneiss of your awin, or be your moyane; and exped the same heir with all diligence efter the ressait of this our lettre, and delyuer it to our seruitour Walter Neische, Maister of our Lardner, quhome we have appontit to resaue the same, and gif his tickat thairvpone, That he may particularlie knaw the gudewillis of all men, and acknawlege it accordinglie quhen time seruis; and that ye delyuer your tickat of that quhilk ye send to ane of our Maister Houshaldis, quha sall attend thairvpoun, aduertising him quhat salbe lyppinnit for that[1] . . . as ye will do ws rycht acceptable plessour and seruice. And swa for the present committis yow to god. At Edinbrucht, the penult day of August 1589.

James R.

To our Rycht traist counsallour Sir Patrick Vaus of barnebarrauch knycht ane of the senatouris of our college of iustice.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 30th August 1589.

Trusty and weilbelouit Counsellour We greit yow hairtlie weill. Oure mareage now at Godis plesour being concludit, and

[1] The paper is gone here.

the Quene our bedfallow hourlie loukit for to arryve, honorabillie accumpaneit, It becumis ws to haue the maist honorable and honest of our gude subiectis with ws at that tyme, And thairfoir we will earnestlie and effectiouslie requir yow that ye faill nocht, all excusis sett apairt, to be with ws at Halierudehous, or quhair we salbe, with all gude diligence eftir the ressait heirof, with na gryte nvmer bot ane certaine of your honest freindis and seruandis, maist habill, and of best equippage, hes na quarrell, nor ar nocht of thame selfis querreluis, to accumpanie ws during the tyme of the solemnitie, and that ye knaw our forther plessar; As ye will do ws richt thankfull service to be rememberit quhene tyme and gude occasioun sall serve. And this committis yow to God. At Edinbrucht the penult day of August 1589. James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit counsalour Sir patrik vaus of barnebarrocht, knycht, ane of the senatouris of our college of iustice.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 10th September 1589.

Trusty and weilbelovit Counsellour We greit yow hertly weil. We have some speciall personis to conferre with yow upon quhilk necessarly requiris your spedy presence, and thairfoir we desyr yow effectuuslie That ye faill not to address yow to ws with all diligence eftir the ressait heirof, all excuses set apart. The occasioun ye sall knaw at your cuming, quhairvnto referring the mair speciall declaratioun of our mynd, and willing yow to vse diligence as ye will do ws thankfull pleser and gude, committis yow in the protectioun of God. at Seytoun, the tent day of September 1589. James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit Counsellour
the Laird of Barnbarrauch.

[The King had been married by proxy in August; the Queen had been expected to arrive, and was at this date unaccountably delayed; this letter is dated from Setoun the house of Mr

Peter Young, who had been Sir Patrick's colleague in his embassy to Denmark in 1587.]

Discharges by Sir PATRICK WAUS for the "cote" (the Rate exacted for confirming Wills) for the years 1583 to 1589.

I Ser patrik waus of barnbarroche, knycht, grantis me compleit paytt of the soume of iiij^{c} vii lbs vii ss, in compleit payment of my resydence, as for the cottsiluer of the testamentis, fra the xxv day of marche and the 1^{m} v^{c} Lxxx thre, to the fyrst of novembar in the yeir of god 1^{m} v^{c} Lxxx sex yeris, contenand in the haill to sewin termis, of the quhilk soume of fovyr hundyrrethe sevyn poundis vii ss, in compleit paymentt as saidis, I grant me thankfullie paytt, thairfor dischargis M^{r} alex^{r} levynstoune, collectour for the Ingatteryne of the cott siluer, and of all vther termis precedeyn the said fyrst of nouembar. And als dischargis all vtheris haiffand entress be thir presentis for euer. In witness heirof I haife subscryvit this present vyth my hand, at Edy^{t}, the 3 of May, anno 1587, befovyr thir vitnessis, dauid kennedy, archebald mvyr, and alex^{r} vaus, vyth vtheris diuersis. Barnbarrache.

I ser patrik waus of barnbarrache, knycht, grantis me to haife ressauit fovyrschoyr twa pundis, as compleit payment of my resydence vpon the sessione fra the vidsonday in anno Lxxx sex to the fyrst of novembar in anno Lxxx sevyn yeris, of the quhilk soume In compleit payment, as saidis, I grant me thankfullie and compleit paytt fra M^{r} Alex^{r} levyston, collectour of the cotsiluer, and thairfoir exonoris, and dischargis the said M^{r} alex^{r}, his ayris, and ex^{oris}, and of all vtheris termis precedeyn the said fyrst of nouembar, be thir presenttis, Subscryvit vyth my hand at Edy^{t}, the sevynt day of marche, in the yeir of god 1^{m} v^{c} Lxxx sevyn yeris. Barnbarrache.

Mayr ressauit fra the said M^{r} Alex^{r}, day, yeir, and plaice, foyrsaidis ten pvundis money. Barnebarrache.

Item mayr ressauit fra the said M^r^ alex^r^ to ane guid compte, the xxix day of Junii, fyftetwa pundis be thir presentis wreittyngis, Subscryvit vyth my hand the day foyrsaid.

Barnbarrache.

thair is na mentioun maid in this acquitance of the yeir of god, albeit I delyuerit the samin in the Lxxxviij yeir in twentie crownis of the sone, extending to fiftie twa poundis.

Item mayr ressauit fra the said M^r^ alex^r^, cottor, ten cronis of the sone, extending to twenty sex libs money, of the cott siluer to ane guid compte of the yeiris of god 1^m^ v^c^ Lxxx sevyn, and Lxxx acht yeris, ressauit the 9 of august 1588.

Barnbarrache.

Mair delyuerit wpone ane precept to Cuthbert forrest, for the quot and pruving of the testament of wmqle gillaspie m^c^crakane, nyne poundis.

Mair debursit for my lordis part of the taxatioun, threttie poundis.

Mair ressauit the 3 of fa^r^ 1588 xL libs.

Letter from Sir JAMES DOUGLAS of Drumlanrig to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st January 1589-90.

Efter my verie hartlie commendatioun, pleis your L vnderstand that ane seruand of myne, callit James Gibsonn, is persewit be the Lard Auchingassill,[1] and the kingis aduocat, for producteon and improbatioun of ane letter of tak, set be the said lard auchingassill to him, of the landis of glenfreucheoche; In to the quhilk persuit of improbation the puir man is verie evill handillit, and maliciouslie dissauit be the lard of Auchingassill in the said tak, for he, being ane puir ignorant man, and having bene possesser of that land callit glenfreucheoche, and his tak expyirit, he agreis with the lard auchingassill for ane sevin yeir tak of the said rowme, the entres thairof to begin at witsondy in the Lxxxvi yeir of god; and, or[2] the entrie of this sevin yeir

[1] Maitland of Auchengassil seems to have been a man of influence in Nithsdale.

[2] Before.

tak, his m^r^ (master) and he agreis of new for ane xix yeir tak, the entrie thairof to begin at the said witsondy anno Lxxxvi; for the quhilk 19 yeir tak this puir man giffis the lard ane greit entres, and than dischargeit the first sevin yeir tak, as also the said James Gibson giffis the lard than afoir the hand thrie yeris foirmaill of the saidis landis, extending to ix^cc^ poundis. I think the entries of the saidis xix yeir tak, and the said foremaill, come to mair nor fywe (5) hundreth merkis, besyd the entres of the first sevin yeir tak, quhilk wes than dischargeit and deliuerit to the lard to be cancelleit. Sua the lard Auchingassill and this puir man being agreit, they send for ane notar, callit Robert phelepe, to mak the said tak and discharge of the thrie yeris foirmaill, to quhom the lard declarit this haill agriement, baith concerning the tak and the discharge, and that he wes satisfyit for all, and gaif the said notare information and command to mak the saidis writtis, and he wald subscryve tham; and, conforme to the lard Auchingassillis desyir, the said notar baith formeit this tak, and the discharge, and at his command to his place of Auchingassill tua seuerall tymes. bot ay quhen the noter come the lard absentit and denyit himselff, To the effect he mycht get the notar away, that he mycht dissaif the puir ignorant man, quha culd nether reid nor wryit, in the subscryveing the writtis. Sua, the notar beand past and left, the saidis writtis formeit as he gat command fra the lard, The lard schortlie thairefter sendis for the puir man, and ane vther of his awin tennentis to be witness, commandand him to bring they lettres with him, and he wald subscryve thame. At the appoyntit place the lard and the puir man meittis togither, with this vther honest man, and the lardis awin brother callit James Maitland, to be witnesses; beand all convenit the lard takkis the discharge fra the puir man to red, and in the tyme of the reiding thairof he convoyit him and the vther honest man, quha wes to be ane of the witnesses, by [1] with this cullour,[2] sayaing, James Hunter (for sa wes the uther honest man callit), ye sall remember the siluir that Dorathie (meining be his awin wyf) bad yow borow; and than this James Hunter tuik this puir

[1] Away. [2] Pretext.

man by[1] to borow that siluir fra, and or[2] they come agane the lard had ane discharge provydid of thrie yeris maill than bygane, quhilk it suld haif bene of thrie yeris maill than to cum, quhilk he subscryvit, and sua falslie and malitiouslie dissauit the puir man in his discharge; and nocht content with that, as he resave the tak fra him to subscryve, he red the samen, and with his awin hand put in the place, the dait, and the witnesses, causand the puir man beleif he had than subscryueit it, and syne gaif it to his brother, quha wes ane of the witnesses, to subscryve as witness, Quha, according to the lardis direction, wrait the subscriptioun, like as the said lardis hand writ, and his brotheris, will testifie; and than the lard faldit up they tua lettres, and gaif the puir man, Quha knew nothing, but brocht thame hame vnlukeit, geveand his mair credence In respect he culd nether reid nor wryit, Beand ane puir sempill creatour, as your l may persaif by him. Sua I dout nocht bot your l Be this my discourss vnderstandis the greit dissait the lard auchingassill hes done to this puir man, Baith in his tak and discharge, like as I micht declair sundrie dissaitfull turnes he hes vseit to him, wer nocht I wald be tedious; As how in ane morning befoir day he send for this puir man to meit him, and bring his Richtis with him, And at the place quhair he appoyntit the puir man to meit him he caussit tua bordour men to cum and Ryip[3] him for his saids Rychtis; this was reueillit to me be ane of the men wes the doeris thairof, And sua your l may esilie persaif the fraud that he hes vseit to this puir man, and thairfoir I will pray your l verie effectuouslie, for ony sted or plesser I can euir be to your l, to be sa guid as to hald hand to this puir mannis causs quhen it cummis in ressoning, and remember the samen, and se that he get na wrang, bot resaif Justice conform to the equitie of his causs. For of my honour this is the verie treuth of the mater. Remitting to trubill your l with langer lettre, commit your l in godis protectioun. from Drumlangrig, fyrst Januar 1589.—Youris l assureit freynd, Drumlangrig.

To the rycht Hou, and his assureit guid freind,
the laird of Barnebarroche.

[1] Away. [2] Before. [3] Search, rype-pouch, pickpocket.

[The next letter is not dated, but being from the same to the same it may well follow here.]

Letter from Sir James Douglas of Drumlanrig to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

It will pleis your L that this nicht I, being adverteist of ane litill suddentie fallin out in the cuntrie amang sum tennentis of my awin, I am movit to ryde soner nor I wes myndit; and in respect of ane mater I haiff ado contrair the Lord Maxwell, I thocht to haiff conferit thairintill with your l afoir my passing: Quhairfoir I will requeist your l maist effectiouslie to excuse my departing without taking leif of your l, and, quhen this mater commis In, that your l will be sa gude to tak attendence thairto, that I get iustice, for I haiff warit my geir upoun this turne verie largelie, and all to hald me out of cummer with my Lord Maxwell, for giff he be nocht Juge to my tennentis, I haiff no particular bot the causs of that is commoun to the haill baronis, quhom your l Is ane als weill as I. I will nocht trubill your l langer for the present, Bot referring credite to the berar, and luikeing assuritlie for your l counsall and assistance in this mater sa far as the law leiffis, lyke as your l hes powar to command me and all myne at the uttermeist, and sua committis your l to Godis Protectioun. At Ed^{r}, this Sondy at nicht.—Your l Assurit at powar to be commandit, J. Drumlangrig.

To his verrie gude lord
My lord of Barnebarrach.

Letter from the Earl of Huntly to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 18th January 1589-90.

My Lord, efter my warie hairtlie commendationis, I have upon sume necesair reasonis derectit this berair, my cousing, to acquent your (L) with my mynd in sindre materis tedious to wreit, quhome your L will credeit as my selff. Maist hairtlie desyring your L to lat him find your fawourable advice and concurrance in sick affaris as I have comittit to his chairg,

The relation quhairof Remitting to his awin sufficiencie, Comittis your L in godis protectioun. at boig of gyht[1] this xviii of Januair 1589.—Your lo verray assurit guid freind,

Huntlye.

To my warie gude lord
My lord off barinbarrowe.

Letter from the Earl of Morton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 30th January 1589-90.

My loird, efter my verie hartlie commendationis, This berar, Grissell maxwell my freind, hes actionis dependand befoir your (l) againis James dowglas[2] sone to george Dowglas of park-heid, concernyng the landis of Tarthorwald, as scho will inform your (l) at lenth. And becaus scho is left bie the deceis of hir husband without help and suppoirt, and hes mony bayrnis, I will thairfoir recommend hir to your (l) as my speciall freind, desyring your (l) to sie hir get Justice; and the rather for this my requeist, Becaus I am honour obleist to do for hir. Sa leving to truble your (l) with forther lettre, assuring your (l) of quhat pleser lyis in me quhen ye sall charge, I commit your (l) to the protectioun of the almychtie god. ffrom drumfreis, the penult day of January 1589.—Your (L) assurit freind,

Mortoun.[3]

[Address is cut off.]

[The signature to the following letter is peculiar, and may be "Failfurde;" if so the writer was probably William Wallace, minister of Failford, who signed as a witness a charter dated at "Upslo 29th Nov^{r} 1589," and granted by the king to Sir Patrick Waus. He calls Sir Patrick's wife his father's sister, and she was his half-sister, for her mother was the widow of Wallace of Craigie, whose son the minister of Failford was.]

[1] Bog of Gicht.

[2] This may be the James Douglas of Torthoreall, who in 1596 killed James Stewart, sometime Earl of Arran, in revenge for the part he took in bringing his uncle, James, Earl of Morton, to the scaffold.

[3] John, Earl of Morton, formerly Lord Maxwell.

Letter, signed "FAILFURDE" from ELSINORE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th February 1589-90.

My Lord eftir my hartly commendatioun with seruice, seing I haue had oportunitie of ane berar, according to my bund dewtie I thocht guid to let your L wndirstand sick thingis as heir occurris: eftir your L departit of Wpslo we passit schortlie to Denmark, quhair we war ane monethe on our journay or we arryuit at Alchunour: we (wer) honorable convoyit and bankettit in ba hous, and waidberie, sax dayis in euerie ane of thame, and honorable resauit and convoyit in Sweyner. thair hes bene some hanking[1] amangis our lordis, bot the k hes pacifiet it, the justice clark is direct away till Ingland with my lord chancler is to gang to lubik, with quhome I intend to gang with. I haue ane gift to be ane of the k caruouris and cupperis and sewaris, and hes euer seruit in my office sen your L departit. we haue had greit honouris doun ws in Denmark, and braue Intertennment, and passis the tyme merilie in hunting, bot we die for threst and worme vobbis[2] groingis in our throtl: the, k, m, rememberis of[3] tymes of deuis.[4] of my heit I assur your L yea ar ane greit man in his buikis; I had[5] his, g, tell his guid mother of your L guid seruice, and how ye prikit in your lytle schip. We luik schortlie for schippis out of Scotland, for the densis[6] hes promeist rady agane the first of Aprile. I sie the, k, docher will nocht be broikin, quhilk hes crabit mony, bot I hoip it salbe fund for the best: gif ony thing gang wrang concerning me in the sessioun, I man wyt your L now in my absens. Send me your L lettir in the nixt schippis that commis af Scotland, as also gif thair waik ony thing fallen in his m handis, aduerteiss me. This I dout bot your L will do, as my traist is in your L. Swa nocht trubling your L farther at this present, eftir my hartly recommendatiounis being rememberit to my Lady, my father sister, your L bedfallow, and to Johnne your L sone, I commit

[1] Contention (see Melville's Memoirs, p. 182).
[2] Cobwebs.
[3] Oft.
[4] Dives (and Lazarus).
[5] Heard.
[6] Danes.

your L to god. of Alchuno^{r} the xii day of februar.—Youris L evir on the auld maner to be commandit at poar, Failfurd.

I maid your L commendatiouns to gerd ȝansoun,[1] ramelionus burghmaister, and all vther of your L acquytance. the k, hes dynit in the burgmastiris hous, and lykis him weill. I commendit your L lykvyss to your L auld ost richardus.[2]

To his werie gud Lord the larde of barnbaroche.

[On the back of this letter is a list of the Royal Family.]

Written on the back of letter signed "FAILFURDE,"
12th February 1589-90.

The names of the king, quene moder, prences, prencesses, being thre sonns and four dochteris in number.

Sofia, the quene moder.
cherstiane, young king, sone to king fredrik the secund.
hertik, olderman, Duik of hoster, all succeed hertik handis.
Elizabaithe, eldest dochter, future to the Duik of brounesweik.
Anna, quene of Scottis.
Agusta.
hedewerk.

The names of the four Regenttis.

Nicolaus Carss, chancellar. patrus monk, admirall.
patrik guldlester, marschell. gorge rehewtrame.

The counsall.

christopherus Walkendus thesaurar.
Stevin braw, capitaine of Alsenburche.
gorge traun. halo vlstand.
manderus paslay. henrik belo.
hector harevielek.
actor gudlister, captaine of the castell of vpslothe.
Torintus vffert. henrik braw. albert freiche.
abhelone goge. Braid Ranhelm. Arell quhytfeld.
James sukesuird. cristus scheild.

[1] See his letter, p. 429.

[2] *i.e.*, Wedderburn, who received him on his embassy, see Journal, p. 396.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st February 1589-90.

Trustie and weilbelovit Counsallour, we greit yow hartlie weill. The cair quhilk we maun haue in honour to sie the gentilmen designit for oure convoy weill vsit and intertenit in our realme, and the necessitie of our estate vnabling ws to do it of our awin, hes mowit ws to commit that burding to sum speciallis of our counsall, quha in abilitie, and affectioun to our honour, are thocht maist likelie to discharge that turne; amangis the quhilkis as we haif speciallie maid chois of yow. Sa will we rycht affectuouslie desire yow that vpoun sicht heirof ye faill nocht with all diligence to addres yow to our secreit counsale, quha will acquent yow with the ordour we haue set doun, and sent thame, and quhairwnto We will maist earnestlie requeist yow that, all excusis set asyde, ye will conforme yow for your pairt, and thairin testifie vnto ws your cair of our said honour, and the gude will ye carie to sie it relewit of this strait amangis the rest: as ye will do ws richt memorable and thankfull pleaser. Sua resting that in this ye wilbe laith to disapoint our expectatioun, We commit yow to God. frome Cronebourg this xxi of februare 1589, James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit counsallour
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from the EARL OF MONTROSE to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 22d February 1589-90.

My lord, efter my werrie hartlie commendationis, in respect that my cusing william graham of badevy hes ane particular action, aduocatit be your (lo) vnto your selfis, concerning the assyss of idiotre, quhilk the constabill of dunde[1] thocht to haue led aganis the lard of Lawis; heirfoir sen the actioun dependis befoir your (lo), I will maist effectuouslie requeist your (lo) that

[1] James Scrymgeour of Dudop, Constable and Provost of Dundee. He was ambassador to Denmark with the Earl Marischal and Lord Dingwall, to complete the king's marriage with the Princess Anne in the previous summer.

my said cousing get na wrang, bot rather furtherit sa fer as your (lo) may of ressoun and conscience in the said mater, as the particular thairof he vill Informe your (lo) at mair lenth, quhom pleis credit. nocht dovting bot your (lo) wil lat him vndirstand of your fauour and furtherance for this my requeist, as I salbe villing to aquyt your (lo) gudvill with sic pleser as your (lo) pleissis Imploy me with heirefter. remitting ferder to the sufficiensy of the berar, and your (lo) avin visdome, committis your (lo) in protectioun of the Almychte. fra kincarding, this xxii of Fer 1589.—Your (lo) assurit at povir, Montrose.

To his rycht trest freind the
Laird of barnbarroche.

Letter from JOHN SHEARER, Messenger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 2d March 1589-90.

My lord, eftir maist hartlie commendatioun with seruice, nocht foryettand my lady, I haif resauit your l, wrtting fra the berar, makan mentioun that I haif done nathing in your (l) byssines concerning your (l) sonnis lettres. your (l) sall wit that I vsit the lettres baith aganis dauid graham, taxman, and the parochinaris wnto the tyme that he gat suspensioun, and dischergit me thair with, and I writ to your L of befoir of the samen, and your l promissit be your l writtin to get protestatioun againe the suspention, and to send the samen to me, quhilk is nocht done. your l cnawis that, gif ane officer be anis dyschergit be suspentioun, he may nocht proceid quhill protestation be had agane, and be ordanit be the lordis of the sessioun to put the said lettres to further executioun; thairfoir me lord get ye the protestatioun, and send the samen to me, And with all diligence your (l) sall owther haif payment of the monkis portionis, or ellis horning. further as quhair your (l) writtis about the few maillis of corsragall, your l hes resauit all the maillis thairof except me lord of cassillis few maillis of his landis, quhilk payis to me lord ferme, and of the tutoris landis of craigoth, gif the tutor payit nocht your (l) for the samen at his being last in edr, as he promissit to me that he suld pay

your l for his awin landis of craiggoth. your (l) sall wit senne I resauit your (l) last writting I raid throw all my lord of cassillis few landis of corsragall, and chergit tham with payment, But I culd nocht tell tham quhat siluer payment thai suld pay, nor yit thai culd nocht tell thame selffis quhat is contenit in my lordis few chartor, for thai pay ferme. thair anser was assur tham quhat few maillis my lord is addettit for the landis, and according to Ilk ane of thair awin partis they suld mak payment of this last yeir, becaus the samen dewtie is in thair handis as yit, provydding your (l) send tham your acquittance, and tak in hand to warrand tham at me lordis handis, and the rest of the curatouris, and as to the yeir of befoir, your (l) man caus the tutor to pay the rest that he hes nocht payit, thairfoir your (l) man caus seik out the registar of the confermatiouns, and thair your (l) will get the confermatioun of me lordis few chartor, quhilk was confermit and registrat the Lxxv yeir of god sa far as I can speir, and thair caus draw out quhat Ilk land of the landis of Drumgilloth, balerystene, lyall, denene, and the manis and mylne of corsragall payis yeirlie of few maillis, with the augmentatioun, and send the samen to me, that I may directlie crave tham for the samen, with your (l) dischergis to the tennandis, and than your (l) sall owther haif payment with expedissioun, or thame all denuncit to the horne that will nocht pay wther wayis. I can nocht cherge Bot generallie, quhilk will nocht be haddin lauchtfull execution, for Dene gilbert can nocht tell quhat is contenit in me lordis few chartor, sua your (l) man caus seik out the registar, and send the dracht of the dewtie to me. as to the place of corsragall, the laird of knockdoliane hes nocht bene in this cuntrie sen afoir mertymes, and sasone as he delyueris the place the pur men that hes the yardis will gif our thair yardis, and tak of your l of new agane. leiffing all vther thingis to your l aduertissment, committis your (l) to god. from air this secund of merche 1589. —Be your l at all power with seruice,

Johnne scherar, messinger.

To the Rycht hono[ll] the Laird of barnebarrache
Delyuer this in hand.

Letter from Sir THOMAS KENNEDY of Colzean to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 7th March 1589-90.

Broder, eftir my hartlie commendation, I ressauit your lettir, and hes considerit the effect thairof; and anent your lettir, quhilk I wrait to yow to haue ressauit, the sam wes neglectit, and left at hame. alwayis ye sall ressaue the samen fra this berare. As anent your awin materis In this cuntrie, ye will know the estait of the samen best at your awin cuming. And concerning the particular effairs that I haue to do, and my lordis bessiness I salbe godwilling on furisday or fryday nixt at yow, gif I may able to ryde or trawell, quhairof I haue lytill apperance at the present; and gif It be swa that I may nocht trawell, I sall send ane to yow about that tyme, At quhilk tyme I sall direct with the berare than farder of my mynd thairanent. Referring the rest thairto, I commit yow to godis protection. off Maybole the vii day of merche 1589.—Yor assurit freind,

Culzeane.[1]

To my weilbeluifit broder
The laird of Barnbarrache.

Discharge by JOHN GIBSON for Freight of Ship to Norway, March 1589-90.

I Johne Gibsoun, indueller in Leith, skippar of the schip callit The Falcoun, grantis me be thir presentes to be fullelie satisfeit, and compleitlie payit, of all and haill the frawcht, and vther dewities, or casualitie, quhatsumeuir, promittit or pertening to me, alsweill for my awin particulare, as for the saidis schippis frawcht, and companies hyres, that salit in hir In and for the voyage, and transport of the rycht honorabill Sir Patrik Waus of Barnbarroch, knycht, his seruandis and vtheris being with him, To and fra the pairtis of Norroway, quhair his Maiestie of lait maid repair, etc. And thairfore I the said Johne, as skippar foirsaid, and takand the burdene on me for all

[1] Sir Thomas Kennedy no longer signs himself Tutor of Cassillis.

vtheris haueing interes, exoneris, quitclames, and dischargis the said Sir Patrik and all vtheris quhome it effeiris, of ye said schippis fraucht, and vtheris casualities and dewities foirsaidis quhatsumeuir for now and ewir, Be this my acquittance, subscriuit with my hand At Edinburgh, the day of Marche, the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} lxxxix yeiris, Befoir thir witnessis Dauid Clypen burges of Leyth, Dauid Kennedy Chamerlane of Quhittarne, and James Mvyr of Drumskeocht, vyth vtheris dyuerse.

Johne Gybsoun with my hand.

Dorso—Johne Gybsoun Acquittance To Sir Patt Waus for a Ships fraught quhan Sir Patt went to Norway. 1589.

Letter from Sir James Home of Coldenois[1] to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 17th March 1589-90.

Aftir my very hairtlie commendations, ye knaw quhat fauour and freindship I shew vnto yow in furthering yow to get pament of your siluer auchtand to yow be his ma^{tie}, vpon your suir promiss and band that ye sould haue maid me compleit pament of the haill bailliery of kyle stewart, Truly I luikit for na thing les nor ye sould haue vseit sic delaye with me, and thairfor I haue thocht gude be thir presentis to assuir yow that I will delay this mater na Langer, bot will put lettres to executioun againis yow, vnles with all diligens ye caus the compt of that bailliery of bayth the Last termes be endit. besyd the quhilk I will ewir esteme my self behind the hand with yow quhill I be repairit to my skayth. Thus I commit yow to god, At Ed^{r}, this xvii of merch 1589.—Your assurit freind,

coldenois.

To his guid freind The Larde of barnbarroch.

Letter from Lord John Hamilton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 18th March 1589-90.

My Lord, Eftir my verray hartly commendatioun, I haue

[1] Sir James Home was keeper of Edinburgh Castle, and a member of Council, at which he was a constant attendant.

directit the berar heirof, my serwand, To confer with your (L) in sum Thingis concerning my self in particuler; The speciall declaratioun thairof I remit to his report. Requesting your (L) to schaw your self favorable therein, quhilk I salbe about to acquite with the lyk, or greter, pleasor quhen ye sall haue occasioun to charge. Referring forder to the declaration of the berar, quhome It will pleass yow credite as my self, I commit yow to god. Off hamilton, this xviii day of merche 1589.—
Your (L) assurit gud frinde at pouar, J. hammilton.

To The Ry^t^ Honorable
The lard of Barnbarroche.

[When the King sailed from Leith to Norway, on the 22d October 1589, he appointed the Privy Council to govern the kingdom under the presidency of the Duke of Lennox, assisted by the Earl of Bothwell, "Exceptand the south partis committit to the charge of oure cousing, the Lord Hammiltoun, and in materis quhair difficultie sall appeir to tak the advise of our Sessioun." Declaration of King James VI.]

Paper Endorsed "coppei of ane Messiue," being the Draft of a Letter to the KING then in Denmark, March 1590.

Pleis it your Ma^tie^ I haue euer sen my hamecuming, according to your hienes commandement gevin me at my departing, imployit my self with all diligence to maintene quyetnes, asweill in the cuntray as with our neibouris about, sa far as in me Lay; quhairof I haue gevin ane pruif be my payins takin at the counsallis command to reconciliat my lordis Bothwell and hume, albeit that hes not as yit succedit as I vald wish, and hoipis for heirefter. I have alsa lately apon the Lyik direction of the counsall with the pryor of Blantyre bene in our cuntray of gallowa for ordour taking with a spanish bark, that came in thair at Quhithorn apon the day of ,[1] the capten and pylattis quhairof we haif brocht to this toune; and because the haill mater is wrettin at lenth be the counsall to your ma^tie^, I

[1] Blanks in original.

remit me to thair letter. In this maner haue I bene occupiit sen my cuming from your ma^tie^, besyde my ordinar avaiting at all vthir tymes in counsall and sessioun, Quhairof I thocht expedient to give your ma^tie^ a compte as it becumis ws all your hienes subiectis. Beseiking your Ma^tie^ to honour me with your commandements, quhat I sall do farther, other heir at hame or a feild, for your hienes seruice; quhairvnto I sall euer be maist reddy and willing, as knawis god, quha mit preserve your ma^tie^, and with your hienes derrest bedfallow, our souerane lady, and bring baith your ma^ties^ hame saif and sound, and that schortly to this your ma^ties^ realme. Fra Ed^r^.

My lord this is grossely blockit upon the information ye gave me. eik or paire at your L plessor: and I drink ane pro salute Regis to your l, and fair veill.

Letter from the Provost of Lincluden[1] to the Laird of Barnbarroch, from Elsinore, 3d April 1590.

My Lord, efter my verray hairtlie commendationis, I ressauit your (ll) letter, and thankis yow for the same, quhairby I persaue the quyet estait of the cuntrie now in his ma^ties^ absence, quhilk I pray god he may tak sic ordour at his hamecuming as it may continew. As I haue said oftymes to him, now the wyit[2] may be thocht in him selff gif his cuntrie be nocht weill gouernit; ffor seing the quyetnes in his absence may proceid ather vpone the luif they bear him, or then for fear he hes better moyans be his awin presence to gif him occasioun ather in the ane or the vther. His ma^tie^ hes resoluit with the quene mother, the kinge, and regenttis of Denmark to remane na langer nor the xiiij of this instant, And that vpone the quene motheris requeist, and earnist sute, awaitting vpone hir fatheris cuminge, quha is Luikit for to be heir the aucht day. sua quhether he cum or nocht, We will tak jornay about the xiiij godwilling, wind and wedder serving, And sua to be thair, sa far as I can persaue, afoir ye be radie for ws. We think mekle we haue ressauit na certanetie fra thame at hame for thair pairtis

[1] Mr Robert Douglas, Collector-General.

[2] Blame.

anent the houss halding, and vnles that be weill cairit, and provydit for, efter that maner, we wilbe vttirlie schamit; ffor we se nocht ane vther way as they salbe interteneit. Thair is na alteratioun of our estait and proceiding heir sen my last writting, except we se nocht sic apperance of the quene to be with barne as we Luikit for. Ser williame keith is Lyke to be casin, and to tyne his offices, credeit, and all.[1] I ressauit ane writting fra Dauid welsche, my servand, Declairing your (ll) had written to him for payment of the siluer I had gottin fra yow, and that he could not satisfie your (ll), in respect of vther greit sowmes I had caussit him to depurse. giff I had vnderstand, or thocht, your (ll) sould haue bene payit of that siluer afoir my hamecuminge, I had writtin to him, and your (ll) sould haue been payit, and vthers sould had wanttit; he hes writtin to me that he hes promesit to mak yow payment againe paische,[2] and thairfoir ye sall wreit to him to the same effect presentlie. Sua, with my hairtlie commendationis to your (ll) wyffe, and all other guid freindis, I commit your (ll) to god. ffrome elsingore, this feird of apryle 1590.—Your (ll) at power,

lynclouden.

To the richt honorable
The Laird off Barnbarroch.

Letter from Sir Thomas Kennedy of Colzean to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 21st April 1590.

Broder, efter my hartlie commendationis, I haif ressauit your lettir this day at sax houris efter novnne fra willame keffane[3] In ars,[4] and hes considerit the effect thairof. I haif, according to the desyre of your letter, willit Johne scherare to be heir In this toun vpone moninday nixt, Quhair I meane he sall ather denunce the tenantis of crosraguell to the horne, or ellis thay

[1] Sir James Melville writes: "The company who were with His Majesty put him to great trouble to agree their continual janglings, strife, pride, and partialities. . . . George Hume did quietly shoot out William Kieth from his office of Master of the Wardrobe."

[2] Before Easter. [3] Now Kevan. [4] Now Arie.

sall furneis to him the sowme of ane hundreth poundis amangis thame: for thai wald do na thing at my requeist, as I wrait to yow befoir; and I assure yow, gif I had bene abill, I suld haue furneist the samen my self; bot in respect of my last being In edinburth, and furnesing of twa thousand merkis to Mr Johnne scharpe, It hes putt me In ane greit bessiness. Als ye sall witt I am to be in glasgw this nixt wodnisday, ye xxii day of this Instant, vpone the desyre of ane lettir send to me be my Lord of argyle, quha hes ane conventioun of his freindis thair the said day, for quhat occasion I knaw nocht, bot I think to be at hame agane, godwilling, vpone sonday nixt. ye sall ressaue ane chartour, quhilk Is subscryvit be my Lord of Cassills, my lord hammilton, bargany, blairquhan, and me; the effect thairof ye will persaue, and, quhen ye haif subscryvit the samen, ye will deliuer It againe to this berare, for I haif directit Jame hawthorne to returne the same to me with all diligence. ye sall lykwyiss ressaue lettres out of Denmark, quhairin I dout nocht ye will find all newis, for I haif gottin ane lettir my salf out of denmark, bot I persaue nocht of the kingis hame cuming befoir the doun sitting of the Sessioun. as for scottis newis, I haue nevir ane worde, bot ye sall witt my lord boithwell and my lord home ar finalie aggreit. I dout nocht bot ye haue hard of the man that wes slaine at Dalkeyth be my lord hammiltouns men; and of the horss that wes taine out of the palace, and of my lord hammiltonis men that wer kepit captiue. I assure yow my lord of mortoun hes fand greit fault with his servandis that wer In Dalkeyth for the truble thay did to my lord hammiltoun and his servandis, and allowis all the skayth thay haif gottin, swa that na thing Is to be amangis thame, bot werie guid freindschip: and my lord hammiltonis men ar sett at libertie. ye sall wit that James Stewart,[1] last chanceler, Is ane wowar,[2] for his wyfe Is deid of ane barne, quhairof ye salbe assurit. thir ar all the newis I haif for the present. I pray yow, as evir ye will do me pleser, quhan ye ryde to edinburth to cum this way, for I can not be able befoir your away cuming to wyn to galloway. and I pray yow to aduerteis me of your dyatts, and gif your[3]

[1] Earl of Arran. [2] Widower. [3] Evidently written by mistake for "my."

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sister gangis with yow; and I assure yow, and[1] scho gang afeild, and cum nocht this way, scho sall nocht haif me in barnbarache thir sewin yeris. Referring the rest to your aduertesment with this berare, I commit yow in godis protection. off maybole, the xxi day of aprile 1590.—Your assurit broder, Culzeane.

To my weilbelouit broder the laird of barnbarache.

Letter from Lord Huntly to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 1st June 1590.

My lord eftir maist hartlie commendation, I wreit of befoir to your Lo, in the actioun dependand betuix this berar, my cowsing patrik gordoun in lettirfurie, and Ser James tarves, quhairin ye haif schawin your (lo) guid fauour in all tymes of his occatioun, quhairof I man, and euer sall, maist hartlie thank your Lo as it war to my self; for sua aperteinis the caus, and is pertinent to me in all respectis. hartlie requesting your lo to be the fordirer, and mak the aid and suplie, as of all guid equitie your (Lo) may best, in this my cowsingis caus. Nocht douting but your (Lo) will assist him, And rathir for my request, as I salbe readye to do your (Lo) pleser; Remitting the rest to your (Lo), and sua for the present recommendis your (Lo) to god. of boiggeyth,[2] the first of Junii 1590.—Your lo assurit at pouar,

Huntly.

To our Richt trest freind
The Laird of barnbarroch deliuer this.

Letter from the King to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 3d June 1590.

Trustie and weilbelouit counsalour We greit yow weill. The expenssis of the houssis, quhilkis war haldin in heir to the straungeris, being appointit to be payit be a commone contributione of certane noblemen and barronis, and for your pairt promiss being maid of the soum of ij^{c} lbs., quhairof restis j^{c} lbs., It is now thocht meit that the sum, with the vther soumes pro-

[1] An, if.

[2] Bog of Gight.

mittit be the rest, expressit in a roll maid at your lait being heir, salbe collectit and imbrocht, for satisfeing of the creditouris with all convenient expeditioun; Quhairfor this salbe to desyre yow effectiouslie that, according to your former promise, ye will nocht faill to caus the said soum be send hither, and delyuerit to Alexander Lawsoune immediatlie efter the ressait heirof for the releif of him and sic wtheris as haid the chairge and ouersight of thair houssis, that in default thairof they be nocht persewit and troublit be the furnissaris, quha, being for the maist pairt puir folkis, schoris daylie to wse the rigour extremetie of the law aganes tham. Quhairin ye, as amangis vtheris, sall declar your affectioune and furthvardness in this lait actione concerning our honour and weill, sa sall ye do ws mest acceptable seruice, pleasour, and releif ws of the exclammatioune, quhilk vtherwyis may be maid; And for the sam sall ye find ws willing to acknawleig your guidwill accordinglie. Thus for the present We commit yow in the protectione of God. from Halirudhous, the third day of Junij 1590. James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit counsalour The Laird of Barnebarroch ane of the senatouris of our college of Justice.

Discharge by Sir ANDREW MELVILL, Master of the Household, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 3d June 1590.

I Androw Meluill of garvok, M^r^ houshold to our soverane lord, grantis me to haif resaved fra the richt honob^ll^ Ser patrik Vaus of barnbarrow, knicht, the soume of thre scoir tua lib, and that in full and compleit payment of my pensioune of corsraguell for the mertimes terme ane thousand fyue hunderthe four scoir nyne, and lykvais for the vitsonday terme ane thousand fyue hundrethe four scoir ten yeiris; of the quhilk soume of thre scoir tua pundis I hold me veill satisfeid, and dischargis the said Sir Patrik, his airis, executouris, and assignais, for now and euer, be this my acquittance subscryved with my hand at Ed^r^, the iii day of iunii 1590, befor thir vitness James Bosvall and Dauid ardeis my servantis with vtheris diuers,

A. Meluill of garwok with my hand.

[In the records of Parliament we find that Barnbarroch took his seat in it on the 12th of June this year.

Letter from Lord John Hamilton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 29th June 1590.

My Lord, Efter my maist hartly commendatioun, I wrait to yow of befoir in fauoris of my faythfull freind and cousing the Laird of Calderwoid,[1] twicheing the actioun referrit to yow as oversman betuix him on the ane part, and the Laird of Lie on the vther part. I will maist hartly requeist yow, Seing the landis of kincaid yowlaw ar ane part of the laird of Calderwoddis awin barrownie of maldslie, And gevin furthe of his hous to ane sone thairof, and hes decreit of the Lordis pronuncit alreddy thairintill, bot stayit vnbuikit as yit, and Becaus the laird of Calderwoid hes bene at all tymes sa honest vnto me, I am alss ernist for It as gif the actioun wer my awin. and yit I deser yow to do nathing in that, bot quhilk aggreis with guid conscience and honesty, and to decern the eretabill richt of the Landis to pertene To the Laird of Calderwoid. In doing quhairof ye sall haue me obleist to acquite yow with freindschip to yow, or ony youris, as occasion sall present. Swa luiking he willbe the bettir handillit for this my request, I commit yow in the protectioun of god. Off hammilton, this xxix of Junij 1590.—Yoùr assurit guid freind at power,

John Hamilton.

[Address cut off.]

Letter from Margaret Lyon, Lady Hamilton, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 29th June 1590.

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun, I vnderstand that ye ar chusin oversman in ane actioun betwixt my assurit guid frend the Lard of Caderwood on the ane part, and the lard of Lie on the other part, twoching the landis of Kinkaid yowlaw. and seing the saidis landis ar ane part off the lard of Cader-

[1] James Maxwell.

woodis avin barronrie of macusley; and gyffin furt off his houss to ane sone thairoff, and hes decret off the Lordis pronunceit alredye thairintil, Albeit stayat in the buiking as yit, and becase that gentil man the lard off Caiderwood hes ever bene faithfull and honest to my Lord, I may request yow even as the actioun var my avin, and as ye wald wiss my Lord my husband to do for ony off your frendschipe, to decern the heretabill rycht of the landis to aperten to the Lard of Caderwood, and that upoun sik ressonabill conditioun as ye may, upon save consience and honestye, for my causs; In doing quhairoff ye sall have my Lord my husband and me obleist to aquit as ye sall have occasioun, sa, luiking he sall find fauor for this my request, sa, my hartlie commendatioun being maid to your beidfallow, and your anser in writ with the berer, quhat I may luik for, I commit yow to the protectioun off god. from hamyltoun, the xxix off Junij 1590.—your assurit guid frend at power,

Margaret lyonn.

To the Rycht honorabill my assurit guid frend The Laird of barnbarrocht ane of our soverane Lordis senatoris of the Colledge of iustice.

Letter from the Laird of Garlies to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 7th July 1590.

My Lorde, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun, I resauit your lettre of newis, quhairof I hartlie thank yow. As also I resauit ane lettre fra my Lorde of Blantyrie, schawing of your guidwill and ernest travell with the maister of orknay in my fauour, to have had him and me agreit in our particularis concernyng the priorie of Quhythorne. For your guidwill thairin I think me mekle addettit to yow. albeit your suit tuik na place, I think me na les addettit nor giff it had, and quhat I can do that may plesor yow ye salbe als suir of my guidwill, giff it will pleis yow imploy me. I hoip quhen ye have done with your turnis ye will cum hame alss schortlie as ye can, according as ye wryte to me befoir. I pray yow that ye will help sick turnis as I have to do, The particularis thairof my servand,

Jhonne mure, will declair yow. Referring the rest to your wisdome, with sum of your newis with the first that cummis betuix, committis yow to god. At Glassertoun, the vii day of July 1590.—Your L's ffreind at power,

Garleis.

To the Richt honorable and his guid freind
The Lairde of barnbarrothe this be delyveritt.

Letter from the Laird of Barnbarroch to his Wife, 15th July 1590.

Maist Speciall, I haife ressauit your lettyr, and haif consyderit the samin. as for James m'cullochis iiiic merkis, I hoip to ressafe siluer for thame schortlie fra Johne ahannay,[1] or fra sorbe.[1] as for gilbert m'keeis suspentione, I am content that he haiss not left the land; alvayss assuritlie I sall seik the layrde of garthland for the action of contraventione. I wald ye causit the land the officiar pas to the grund of the dyrre,[2] and taik tre or fovyr vitness vyth hym, and to tes'efee that gilbert m'keeis geyr Is vpon the grvnd as yit, and alss to fence, and arest, bayth gilbert m'keis cornis, and alss James nivyns vpon the grund of the dyrre, quhill I gett catione to anser me as lav[3] vill. and quhair ye vreit that I vill get xx libs for euery day that his geyr Is vpon the grund, that is not of verete. as for the layrde of mochrumss entres of It, he hais geiffyn It ovyr to me, and sall taik na entres ovthyr[4] vyth It, or James mvyr. as for the charges of the tennandis, ye sall caus denunce thame accordeyn to the letteris. as for gavane dunbar, he hais fund the layrde of sorbe catione nocht to Intromett vyth ony devate[5] of altecry[6] vndyr the paine of 1c lib. Sande dunbar Is heyr to aggre, or to lefe the land, as I vill command; bot I vill nathyr to hym, nor to na vther, geife anser to I be at hame. I haife ressauit ane of the vessis[7] that hais your cheyn, quhilk I think verray slycht tikat, for It declaris nocht quhow mykill It lyis in

[1] Ahannay was Laird of Sorbie. [2] Now Dirrie. [3] Law.
[4] Either. [5] Duty. [6] Name of a farm.
[7] Wissel, quhissel, exchange; *Ger.*, wechsel.

vad[1] of, and I haife nocht ane penne to loviss[2] It vyth; for quhen I gett this iiij^{c} merkis, man relefe the layrde of kynhilt dett; and trevlie I pay (ij)d euery ovik[3] for the pund for It. as for the provost of lyncluden siluer,[4] I can nocht gett ane penne of It; for he Is in avyn[5] in this toune mayr nor fyve thovsand pund, bot I haife the cheyn lyane In vad. I vill pray yow send all the siluer ye can gett or can borrow, ovit[6] vytq the horss, for ye may persaife be my last lettyr quho mykill thair Is ado vyth siluer, and thair Is mayr nor 1^{c} lbs geifen, and to be geffyn ovitt,[6] nor I vrat to you last, as ye sall see the compt of the haill. Jhone man haif ane stand[7] of figurit taffate, and ane stenneyn[8] cloig,[9] for his vther cloik[9] Is vorne, and he vants sarkis and ruffis. I pray you haist our horsis heyr vyth the siluer eftyr the fayr, and send sande his naig, for trevlie I think lang to be at hame; and send me voyrde[10] quhat ye vald haife cofte[11] to pate, quhilk sall not be vndone. farder I pray you taik na service nor devate[12] fra the tennandis of barschangane, nor na vtheriss that ye vald haif remvffit. as for nevis,[13] at this conventione, thayr Is grantit to the k ma^{te} ane Impost vpon all venis[14] that Is to cum In scotland fra this tyme fvyrcht,[15] and that the k ma^{te} sall haif of euery tovnne of veyne[14] aucht pundis acht ss. I think the conventione sall reid[16] the morne, and quhat salbe done farder ye salbe farder aduertest. I think best ye haif my horss heyr in the end of the nixt ovik, as ye sall think guid, vyth all the siluer ye can gett, that all your vads[1] may be lovsit;[2] for I can not gett ane penne fra the provost of lyncluden. this, eftyr hartlie commendatione, I commett you to god. vreittyn In haist this this 15 day of July 1590.—Be youris avyn as knavis god, Barnbarrache.

To my dirrest (ainte[17]) the
ladye barnbarrach.

[1] Pledge.
[2] Loose.
[3] Every week.
[4] See his letter, 3d April 1590, p. 455.
[5] In debt.
[6] Out.
[7] Suit.
[8] Fine woollen cloth.
[9] Cloak.
[10] Word.
[11] Bought.
[12] Duty.
[13] News.
[14] Wine.
[15] Forth.
[16] Discourse, debate.
[17] Word doubtful.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD of BARNBARROCH, 17th September 1590.

Trusty and weilbelovit counsallour We greit you hartlie wele. Understanding that our lovit Mr William Angus, prebendar and sacristarre of our Chappel Royal of Striviling, is lauchtfullie provydit be us dureing his life tyme to the said sacristaurie, quhairunto is annexed of auld the teind schevis, vther small teindis, rentis, fruitis, and emolumentis, of the half Paroche Kirkis of Kirkynner and Kirkcowane, within our sheriffdome of Wigtoun, frie of all taxatioun, thridis, or vther compositionis; And that notwithstanding the said Mr William is frustrat, and delayit of payment, of his dewiteis be the parochineris, and compellit to await thairon in that cuntrie a lang space yeirlie to his chairgis, being subiect heir utherwise to the attendance vpoun our seruice; We have thairfore taken occasioune richt effectuuslie to requeist and desyr you that you will use all the gude meanis ye can to se the said Mr William thankfullie anserit, and payit, of his dewiteis, and teindis, of the said parochin of the instant crop and yeir; and all yeiris to cum during his lyfetyme, that he be nocht trublit with unnecesser delay, and awaiting on the same, as he hes bene, bot remain heir on our seruice and directioun, as ye will report our hartlie thankis, and do us acceptable plesour and seruice. Sa, luiking that he sal have no forder occasioun of complaint in this mater, We commit yow in Godis protectioun. From Dumfermling, 17 of September 1590, James R.

To our trustie and weilbelouit
consalour The Laird of Barnbarroch.

Letter from LORD SETON to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 5th January 1590-91.

My lord, fforsamekle as my procurator and servant, (Mr) olyver colte, hes presentlie ane actioun of his awin of Importance depending befoir your (lo), quhilk he assuris me to be verrie Just and equetable in the selff, And thairfoir I will pray your

(lo) to be as cairfull for him in that caiss, as ye wald be foir my awin actioun, And that he gait na wrange thairintill, bot samekle fauour for my caus as the equetie of his caus will permitt; quhairintill ye will do me singuler plesour, As gif it war my awin actioun. heirintill na wayis doubting of your gudwill, I committ yow to the protectioun of the almychtie god. frome Seytoun, the 5 of Jarij 1590.—Yo^{r} Lo at power,

B. Lord setoun.

To the ry^{t} hono^{ll} and my trest freind
The Laird of barnbaroche.

Horning against JOHN WALLACE of Craigie for payment of the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH'S expenses in going to Denmark, 6th January 1590-1.

James, be the grace of God King of Scottis, To our louittis Messingeris, oure schireffis in that pairt, coniunctlie and seuerally, speciallie constitute, greating. fforsamekle as it is humelie menit and schawin to ws be oure Louit Sir Patrik Vaus of Barnbarroche, Knicht, That quhair it pleasit ws to grant and dispone vnto him (in pairt of payment of his expenssis maid in his veyage being directit be ws towardis Denmark) the secund and thred termes payment of the taxatioun of our baillierie of Kylestewart, of that pairt of the taxatioun grantit to ws be the small barons and friehaldaris for thair voitis in oure Parliament and generall counsellis, as his gift, grantit to him thairopone, at lenth beris; According quhaironto Johnne Wallace of Cragy, baillie of Kylestewart, and collectour appointit for ressaving of the saidis twa termes payment, and James Cunnynghame of Inchegothrick his depute, hes alreddy maid peyment to the said complenare of ane pairt of the same taxatioun, And althocht he hes oft and diuerse tymes cravit payment of the rest thairof fra thame, yit nochtwithstanding he can nawise obtene the samyn to his greit hurte and skaith, without they be compellit; Oure Will is heirfoir, and we charge you straitlie, and commandis, that incontinent thir oure letteris

sene, ye pas, and in oure name and authoritie command, and charge the said Johnne Wallace of Cragy, and James Cunnynghame of Inchegothrig his depute, as said is, To mak payment to the said complenare of the said secund and thred termes payment of the taxatioun of our said baillierie of kylestewart within ten dayis nixt eftir they be chargeit be yow thairto vnder the pane of Rebellioun, and putting of thame to our horne; and gif they failye thairin, the saidis ten dayis being bipast, that ye incontinent thairefter denunce the dissobeyaris our Rebellis, and put thame to our horne, and escheit, and inbring all their moveable guidis to our vse for thair contemptioun, according to Justice, as ye will answer to us thairvpone. The quhilk to do we commit to yow, coniunctlie and seuerallie, oure full power be thir oure litteris, deliuering thame to yow dewly execute, and Indorsate agane to the berare. Gevin vnder oure signet at Haliruidhous, the sext day of Januar, and of oure Regnn the xxiiij yeir, 1590.

Ex deliberatione dominorum secreti consilii. Andro.

A. Hayne.

Endorsed by Sir P. Waus—Barnbarrocht Letteris for ingetting of the taxatioun of kylsteuart.

Discharge by ALLAN CATHCART, Chamberlain of Galloway, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, for Maill of the King's Lands, 20th January 1590-1.

I, allan cathcart, challmerlane off galloway, grantis me to haif rasauit fra (m) patrik wass, lard of bibaroche, the soume of vij£ xld[1] ffor the mertemass maill last was of the kings landis: quhilk soume, rasavit be me, I discharge the said lard of barnbarroche, and all otherss, be this my discharge, subscryvit be me at Wigtoune the xx day of Januar, the yeir of god i^{m} v^{c} and nynte yeris, befoir thir witnessis W^{m} gordoune M^{r} blakcraig, and Alex^{r} mclurge.

Allan cathcart challmerlane of galloway.

Endorsed—

Allane caithcartis dischargis of the kingis mallis.

[1] Forty pence.

Letter from Mr JAMES DAVIDSON, Minister at Wigtown, 16th February 1590-1.

Grace mersay and pace from god the father and from oure lord Jesus christ—

My lord, lat it plyss yowr (l) to hawe me excusit that befor thys tyme I hawe not writin to yow; the cawss was that I thocht good first to be sumquhat acquentit with the nature of the pepil and dualaris[1] in thys towne, of quhom I can not mislyk in regard of the affection and good wil thay beir to me, quha also vnfenzidlie[2] dois reverence and lowe your (l) for the good vil ye schaw thame in yowr letter, of the quhilk ye maid me the bērar. and as for thare part, thay promeiss solemlie to remembar, and keip al thingis yowr (l) hes dysyrid thame in the letter, and hawpis also that yowr (l) sal be the more beneficial to me in respect I am yowr (l) awin send to thame, quharof also I find my self persuadit nocht-withstanding of the speiking of many: god of his mersay grant that I may so wprychtlie and faithfullie walk in my caling that my concience may preserve me to deserve yowr (l) good wil, and the assistance of all that fearis the lord. the commissioner Mr James Hamilton efter my inauguration destingand the gleib to me, quha according to order dyssired it to be mensurid, bot becawss I feared your (l) sowd be offendit, in caiss largear buwndis sowd hawe bene destynid to me then to my predicesoris, tharefor I tawld the commisionar that I contentit me with the designation of my predicessor to yowr (l) cumming in the cowntrie. And now, seing the tyme of teiling[3] is present, I pray your (l) nocht to be offendit that I teil the samyn for, as I am leith to do anie thing quhareby I sowd offend yowr (l), so I am persuadit yowr (l) wil not greive to gif me frelie that quhilk both good concience, and the lawis of the cowntrie, providis that I sowd hawe. my lord, in end I houp ye sal nocht think yowr kyndnes or goodwil bestowid vpon ane vnthankful servand, gif god spare me dayis—thus commitis yowr (l) to the protection of the almychtie, quha may preserve

[1] Dwellers. [2] Unfeignedly. [3] Tilling.

your (l), becawss he is omnipotent, and vil, becaws he is riche in mersays. my dewtiful commendationis of service to your hon^all^ vertouus ladye. from Wightoun, the 16th of februar 15810[1] your (l) servand and frend in the lord,

M James Dauidsone minister at vightoun.

[The outer sheet with the address is wanting, but there is no reason to doubt that it was written to Barnbarroch.]

Letter from Gavin Dunbar of Baldoon to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 14th May 1591.

My lord, efter my hartle commendatioun, pleissit you to vit that I ves myndit to haif spokin vith you vpon the vodinsday befor your departing aff this cuntre; and the saym day the lard of Garlies desyrit me, as he did vther freindis, to convoy hym to glastoun,[2] without menyng of trubill or Iniure[3] to be done to ony man, as god, and the cuntremen, is our vitnes. and quhat is fallin out betuix blayrquhan[4] and the lard ye hard in sic maner as I mister[5] nocht to raset[6] the manir thairof. sa mekill Innosent bluid as is spilt onle throcht[7] the pryde of the twa lordis, and god to forgeif tham that hes the vyit[8] thairof, and seis na apeirans bot of mair trvbill and cumeris, quhilk man be bidin as the lord pleissis to do thairin. yet nocht the les I vill desyr you to ramember of the kyndes promesit betuix vs, lyk as I mynd to do to you, and In speciall anent the suit of alexander gordoun of the veolent proffeitis of thir vavorthe croftis of the kirkland, that he persevis[9] me vere Indirekle, menyng to gar me ramoif[10] the occupeeris that I neuer plaissit[11] in the land, and ves thair afoir my Intromessioun thairvith, haifyng na titill be lav to put tham thairfra, and he hes tain the devetis[12] of ane vther part of the croftis; he cravis me for veolence, quhilk is forby rasone,[13] that it kan nocht content hym to tak my kyndle romis[14] fra me, bot he vill seik the veolent occupatioun vpon me, that is

[1] 1590. [2] Glasserton. [3] Injury.
[4] The Laird of Blairquhan, John Kennedy. [5] Need.
[6] Recite. [7] Through. [8] Wyte, blame.
[9] Pursues. [10] Remove. [11] Placed.
[12] Duties. [13] Beyond reason. [14] Farms.

noldir air,[1] occupeer, nor yet na resaivar of the mallis[2] of the landis, sen the tym of his varnyng, it is trev[3] that ye haif mast part of the vyit[4] of this pursele,[5] vnvorthe, manis hard sute in sustenyng of hym to seik the lav aganis me to put me fra my kyndle romis,[6] quhilk I dout nocht bot ye may mend quhen ye pleis. and ye may sey quhat cumir is cuming in the cuntre for kyndle romis,[6] and [7] will be forsit vith tym to be Inobedyent aganis our vill, and maist cartan[8] vith tym your your man, sande, sall se that he sall haif the haisert,[9] bruk[10] land, and lif, and all that I haif or he bruk[10] ane fwt braid of my kyndle romis[6] to my scham.[11] heirfoir my lord I vill desyr you that ye, vpon your favour and kyndes ye suld ber to me, that ye vill athar tak vp this matter, and be juge your self; the dyat is to the nynteyn day of may; or ellis, acording to your devete[12] of kyndes to me, put hym fra your servais[13] at this term, becaus he rafussis you, and I bydand at you. and gif ye do nayther of thame, in putyng of hym fra your serves,[13] nor, in the vther, takis nocht vp the forsaid actioun quhill your hamcumyng, I can nocht vnderstand how I may luik for your kyndes, quhilk I put na dout bot your honour and voisdom[14] knavis your devete[12] better [7] forther it is ye knav thair is ane decrait gevin at the instans of James slovan aganis master rogair gordoun vpone ane ejektioun of vii zeris veolent proffeitis of ane croft in the kirkland, and maister rogairis is bot desernit to pay ane hundryth markis mony for proffeitis and expensis of pley, quhilk is forby baith rasone and quentiens,[15] that sic ane vilfull opressioun suld nocht be punessit, or at the lyist[16] to geif the puir man sa far as he hes provyn to the lordis: for I dar sueir[17] that the samyn pley hes kost me thre hundryth markis out of my avyn[18] purss in the reduksioun of the fyrst vrang decreit, that this decreit of ejectioun is pretendit of. and becaus Jhone

[1] Neither heir.
[2] Rents.
[3] True.
[4] Wyte, blame.
[5] Poor, silly.
[6] Farms.
[7] Paper gone.
[8] Certain.
[9] Hazard.
[10] Enjoy.
[11] Shame.
[12] Duty.
[13] Service.
[14] Wisdom.
[15] Conscience.
[16] Least.
[17] Swear.
[18] Own.

haleda thocht the decreit sa vnvorthe ane hundryth markis considerand quhat ffor greiter somis is provin, he hes left the decreit vnbukit, hoping be myoun[1] to get sa far decarnit as is provin; heirfoir my lord I vill pray you to help my just action to get slovan sa far as he hes proven; for albeit the action be Intendit in James slovans naim, yet the proffeit and the hinder thairof vill fall in my hand, thairfor I traist ye vill do for me that matter, as it var my avyn.[2] and I feir ye var nocht vytles[3] that the lordis modeficatioun in the forsaid decreit vas sa litill to my manis proffeit and myn, yet sen the decreit is vnbukit, I knaw your myoun[1] may further me als meikle as ye haif handilit me In this caus, or ony vther, quhen ve var at defferens. and sua nocht ellis, bot refaris the rest to your voisdom,[4] and quhat pleissour or kyndes that lyis in my povar to do for you or youris, in your absens in this cuntre, ye may command me, as ye command onny vther your narest freindis, and the eternall god to haif you in his keiping, and comend me hartle to my ant, your bedfallow. of bandone,[5] the xiiij of may 1591.—Be youris traist freind at povar, Gavyne Dunbar of bandone.

To the rycht honorabill and his
maist speciall Lord of barnbarroch.

Letter from JOHN (?) CRICHTON of Larg[6] to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 17th May 1591.

My lord, eftir my hartly commendatioun, I thocht to haiff spokin with your l at your field ganging, and mist yow. as concerning testamentis of my mother, and of Jonet mᶜkie, spous to patrik stewart, me lord, as to my motheris part concerning my horning, ye sall not let me be cumerit thairwith, and I sall agrie with yow thairin. and[7] ye be rememberit, I offerit yow ane auld angell, and ye requirit ane roisnobill,[8] quhilk difference is bot small betuix yow and me quhill our meitting. And as

[1] Moyen. [2] Own. [3] Witless, ignorant; wyteless, blameless.
[4] Wisdom. [5] Baldoon.
[6] Sir Patrick's second daughter, Margaret, was betrothed to John Crichton of Larg on 2d September 1570.
[7] An, if. [8] Rose noble, a gold coin worth 36s.; the angel noble was worth 24s.

to the confirmatioun of Jonet mᶜkie's testament, your (l) promesit to get it confermit, and I gaiff yow three peice of gold, ane dowbill dowcat, with twa roisnobillis, in begining of peyment of the quota and expenssis componit for. my lord ye sall speik with cuthbert fories, and resaue the testament fra him, and send in the samyn with ane commissioun to the commisser of wigtoun to resawe our aithis[1] and catiouneris, this beand done, me lord, and the testament confermit, ye sall keip it in your awin hand quhill I mak yow peyment of the lattir penny of xl lib componit for, as cuthbert fories can schaw yow; and prayis your l not neglect this mater, for it standis to my honesty and promeis to the rest of the exorⁱˢ. nocht trubling your l with farther for the present, bot haiff me hartly commendit to the lady your bedfallow, sa committis yow to god. at the larg, the xvii of may 1591.—be Youris l assurit freind and ame at all powar, larg.

To the honoˡˡ and his maist speciall ame Ser patrik Vaus of barnbarroch knycht.

Letter from Thomas Kennedy of Bargany to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 21st May 1591.

My Lord, eftir my very hartlie commendationis, your (lo) rememberries I spak to yow in ardstincher for your freindlie and effectual sollistation to be maid in my fauour to Ser Jhone Seittoun,[2] and mowe him vith our kinred of bluid, and be that alsua of my wyfe, cum out of that houce of Seittoun, as also vith his awin promeis, for expeditioun of the servis of the landis of Lethmold, the leachtis, the karne, and aisinduirath quhilkis var of auld my predecessouris heritage, and tint fra vs be na occation of our awin, bot be the forfatrie[3] of the erle of douglas, our superiour, and now becum in Ser Jhone seittounis hand be dispositioun of the kingis matⁱᵉ. and I now will requeist, baithe be your (lo) and me awin self, that I may haif the few of that quhilk vas me awin land, ewin on the offir maid to me be Ser Jhone of the same, to vit xl lb for euerie markland, and I sall

[1] Oaths. [2] He was master of the king's stables. [3] Forfeiture.

now haif the same rady to him for sic securitie thairof as your (lo) vill think meit, be quhais aduyse I haif ordanit george mark to perfyt this bissines, and douttis nocht bot your (lo) vill baithe effectuouslie and secretlie vork this mekle in my fauour, as ye sall haif me redy to employ againe in ony turne that I may stand as effectuous to yow in to. And for the vncourtessie visit vpon me guid sone, the lard of knokdoliane,[1] be the guid-man of bulhald on ane horning that he is lauchtfullie put to, as your (lo) sall sie, I haif taine the gift of his escheit, and be letteris past thairwpoun hes intromettit vith ane part thairof. I heir that he is seiking the raduction of the horning, and all that hes followit thairwpon, quhilk is to cum in befoir your (lo) of the cessioun quhilk I will pray your (lo), as my speciall freind, that ye will attend thairto, and sie me haif Justice, and that I be nocht thrawin in this purpoice be na vther moyen that your (lo) may lat. Ane day is speciall in ane summondis that vill cum in befoir your (lo) on the 28 day of this monethe, or thairby, for the effect forsaid, at quhilk tyme I sall haif me guid sone to be attendant thairwpon, to quhom I refar the rest of the discurs of this mater to be declarit to your (lo) mair amplie, quhom it vill ples (lo) credeit, as also to schaw him fauour, as your (lo) vald haif me to do the lyk on the lyk occations. nocht doutting heirinto, Sa vill commit yow to the protection of almychtie god. at ayr, the (21) maij 1591.—Be Youris (Lo) assurit guide ffreind at my power, Bargany.

To his speciall guid Lord my
lord of babarrocht.

Letter from Robert, Master of Eglinton, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 23d May 1591.

My lord, efter my verie hartlie commendatiouneis, It will pleis your (l) vnderstand that to the berar heirof, M^r^ Jhone Young,[2] our minister at Beith, electit and nominat to vs be the

[1] Graham.

[2] Formerly minister of Wigtown. See letters of 21st September 1582 and 19th May 1587.

kirk of the vest, thair ves appoyntit at Mertimes Last ves, or thairby, be the lordes of his m^ties^ chaker, with the consent of the commissioneris of our presbiterie of Conynghame, ane stipend of iiii chalder and xii bollis victuall, to be payit be the tennentis of our parochone of Beith, for serveing the cuir thairat in the ministre; quha ves aneis imboeket in the boekis of assignatioun vith the foirsaid stipend, yit nevirtheles, as ve ar credibillie informeit, William Wylie be moyen hes retreatit the sameing to the præiudice of our minister. And suppois the said William Wylie brokit the said stipend in pensioun of befoir, yit it ves nominat of the superplus to haue aperteyneit to ane minister, howsone he suld haue being nominat vnto vs: Nether is it rycht and ressoune that diverss ministeris be susteyneit of our teyndis, and ane scribe of ed^r^ vith ane vther pairt thairof, and ve altogidder destitut of ane pastour for Laik of sustentatioun. Heirfoir it vill please your (L) to help vs, that the said M^r^ Jhon, our appointit minister, may be reponeit, and imboekit to his former stipend; and the said William Wylie simpliciter dischargeit of that his pensioun. The quhilk I vill maist ernistlie requeyst your (L) to anser my resonable and godlie suit. Haweing no forder, committis your (L) to the protectioun of god. from Irving, the xxiij day of Maj 1591.—

Your l assuritly at his pouer, Robert M[1] Eglyntoune.

To My verrie Speciall guid Lord
My Lord of barnbarroch.

Letter from the Laird of Barnbarroch to the Earl of Huntly, 1st June 1591.

My Lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, I wreit of befoir to your Lo in the actioun dependand betwix this berar, my cowsing patrik gordoun in letterfurie, and Ser James Tarbes; quhairin ye haif schawin your Lo gud fauour in all tymes of his occasion, quhairof I man, and euir sall, maist hartlie thank your Lo, as it war to my self, for sua aperteinis the caus, and is per-

[1] Master of Eglinton. Hugh, the fourth Earl, was murdered 12th April 1589, aged about 25. He was succeeded by his son Hugh, who must have been an infant. This Robert was probably a brother of the fourth Earl.

tinent to me in all respectis. hartly requesting your Lo to be the fordwer, and mak the aid and suplie, as of all guid equitie your Lo may best, in this my cowsingis caus, nocht doutting bot your Lo will assist him, and rather for my request, as I salbe readye to do your plesser. Remitting the rest to your Lo, and sua for the present recommendis your Lo to god. of boiggeyth,[1] the first of Juin 1591.—Your lo assurit at pouar,

Huntlye.

[Address cut off except, "roche gif this."]

Letter from Lord John Hamilton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 8th June 1591.

Richt speciall freind, efter my verray hartlie commendationis, hawing writtin to you of befoir Twicheing the actioun quhilk is persewit aganis the berar, my servand, be the Lord Sempill, upon ane allegit redemption and spoliatioun of siluer fra the saidis Lordis seruitoris, and procuratoris, quhilk wes na way trew: And the puir man, John Nasmyth, Innocent of all the proceding thairof, I Thocht neidfull Upon his sute, knawing the grond of his caus, and Informit that the samin is referrit to probatioun, write Thir few Lynis, Praying yow effectuouslie to giff attendance, and suffer him have na wrang, Bot that he may have Justice ministerit according to equitie and guid conscience: ffor that siluer, quhilk thai presentit for redemptioun, wes in their awin handis, and nomberit, eftir he had bene willing to accept conforme to the tennour of the reversiouns. Becaus I dout nocht bot ye will let him find fauour for my Caus, as I salbe reddy in ane greter mater to pleasser yow. I will nocht truble yow with Langer letter, bot committis yow to goddis protectioun. from Hammiltoun, this viii day of Junii 1591.—Your assurit guid freind at power,

J. hamilton.

To the Ry^{t} hono^{ll}
The Laird of Barnbarro.

[1] Bog of Gight. See letters 18th January 1589-90, p. 445, and 1st June 1590, p. 458.

Letter from WILLIAM M'CLELLAND of Crofts to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 21st July 1591.

Jesus.

Me Lord, efter me verie hartlie commendation and seruice, It will pleis your (L) I resauit yor (l) letter, and culd nocht gudlie send ane anser with the bearare, quhill I had lettin balmaghe se the samyn, quhilkis I haue done; quha hes assuirit me that the samyn salbe delywerit to your (l) on the last of october. and as to my owtcuming, I wald gladlie do the samyn, geve the samyn mycht do my steid: for as to siluir, as the Lord sall Juge me I can nocht speir in gallowye fyve hundreth merkis for na persait, bot, with goddis grace, at your (l) cumming in the cuntrie thair salbe sic ane honest ordour tane of all thingis bypast and to come, as your (l) sall nather have skaith nor schame thairin. I am nocht able to plesour your (l) for the half of your (l) greit courtaseis to me, bot your (l) sall haue me to command, and with goddis grace your (l) salbe na losare. as to the thre witnes your l dyssyrit, as god sall Juge I culd have nane vpon swa schort provision; and in the meintyme it plesit the Lord to send ane sair visitatioun amangis ws, for vpon the xix of this instant the ladie Ile[1] fell seik, and departtit vpon the xx of this instant, at sex houris at ewyn; quhilkis wes ane greit staye to me in seiking your (l) witnes, bot aganis the nixt dyett I sall schaw gudwill, geve that can serve. Swa, with me commendation to me Ladie, I commit your (l) to the almyttie. Auchlaun, the xxi of July 1591. Your (l) awin at powar and seruice,

williame M'clellane of croftis.

I am doing quhat I can for ane horss to Mr Johne Scharpe, and cawsit[2] our laird ser charles dun in carik for that effect, and geve your (l) remane quhill the cessioun ryse, I think to be at your (l) or than.

To the ry^t^ honorable and his speciall gude emie me Lord of barnebarach geve this.

[1] Probably the wife of the Laird of St Mary's Isle.

[2] Perhaps tawsit, importuned.

Letter from Sir James Bellenden to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 31st August 1591.

My Lord, efter my hertlie recommendations of Seruice, Pleis your L that at the pleaser of god My brother, My Lord Justice Clark,[1] your L gude freind, haifing contraktit ane deidlie fever upone the xx day of this Instant, And continewing thairin be the space of aucht dayes to the xxvii day of this Instant, The Loird In his greit mercie hes Ressauit his saule; And he departit this lyffe To the grit Regrait and Displeaser of all his freindis and favoraris. Quhairvpoun we haif tane occasioun to appoint the aucht Day of september Nixttocum for his buriall, quhilk we Intend salbe Accompaneit with his honorable freindis In the abbay kirk of Halyrudehous. Thairfoir, seing his L on lyffe Estemit yow his speciall gude freind, It will pleis your L to tak the panes to be heir the said Day be aucht houris In the moirning, that be your L presence his buriall may be honorit. In Doing quhairof your L will do ws his freindis Acceptable pleaser and honor. Nocht Dowting thairof, As we salbe reddie to Do your L the pleaser, honor, and seruice, that lyis In uss Comittis your L to the protectioun of the almychtie god. Off the Cannogait, the last day of august 1591.—Be your L At power with Seruice to be commandit,

James Bellenden of Kilkonchre.

To my veirie gude Lard My Lard of barnebarroch.

[This letter was sealed with red wax.]

Letter from Archibald Earl of Argyle to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 10th September 1591.

My lord, eftir my veray hartlie commendationes, Upone sic accident as laitlie hes fallin furth betwix sum of my kin and servandis dwelland in Angus and the lord Ogilvie, It has plesit his Majestie to cherge me, lyk as the lord ogilvie is chergit, To compeir befoir his hienes the first day of october quhair his

[1] Sir Lewis Bellenden.

ma^tie salbe for the tyme; Quhilk day I purpos to keip be the grace of god, and, seing it is my first woyage to his Ma^tie, I haif tain occasione to desyre sum of my freyndis do me that honour as to be present with me that day. And esteming your l ane speciall of that number, I will pray your l taik the paines to be present with me the said day, and direct your l courss to meit quhair his Ma^tie salbe for the tyme; Lyk as your l sall haif me reddie at all tymes to be Imployit as occasione sall serve that your l cherge me. Sua for the present committis your l in the protectione of the almychtie god. from Inueraray, the x of Septembre 1591.—Your l assurit gud frend, Arch. Argyle.[1]

To my loyrde of barnbarrothe.

Letter from William M'Clelland of Crofts to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 18th September 1591.

Jesus.

Me (l), eftir me verie hartlie commendations and seruice, forsamekill as I resauit your (L) letter, quhilkis I wald verie gladlie have plesorit your (L) into, and did sic deligence as wes abill to me, albeit I culd nocht cum swa gud speid as I wald, be ressone the ground is swa rowthit[2] as yitt, and mekill unschorn. The caus I wes sa lang in sending wes lukeand for sum (ma), quhilkis sum vthiris had promesit me, quhilkis, geve thaye cum, sall nocht staye Lang heir. ffarder it will pleis your (L) I have confeirit dywers tymes with our Laird, and Laid befoir him all ressonis and gude motionis I culd devyse: bot to be schortt, he will nawayes be dryvin bye your (l), in his first conclusione. and as to the rest of the Landis, he will sell thame for na siluer exceptt he gett Landis for thame. and, me (L), seing your (l) and he wes anis[3] appointeit, I wald praye your (l) nocht to be wilfull, bot lett the first commonyng take effect, quhilkis I am assurit wilbe your (l) greit weill; ffor at my last being at your

[1] Archibald, seventh Earl of Argyle. His mother was the widow of the Regent Murray, and in Douglas' Peerage he is said to have been born in 1576. He was therefore at this date fifteen years of age.

[2] Routh and routhie, plentiful.

[3] Once.

(l) place I conferrit with charles dun, quha extendit the Landis of eittoun to be worth nales[1] be yeir nor nyne hundreth merkis, incace your (l) gat thame, besyddis thair dayelie seruice, for the quhilkis I beleve thaye suldbe movit to geve amangis thame yeirlie ane hundreth merkis; for althocht the Laird be distant, swa that he can nocht preis thame at all tymes, yit thaye ar swa neir your (l) that your (l) wald, or mycht, sudiect thame as cottaris in everie turne, or forme of calculatione wes eftir this sortt, quhilkis I hoip your (l) may nocht gudlie denye. your (l) knawis the stewartoun and balferne[2] peyis threscoir bollis meill and beir, quhilkis ar far sett within the awaill; the skellarie[2] will peye as mekill with fauor and kyndness, the twa orchartonis[2] ar our gudschape[3] of XL bollis; the croft that me eime michell hes will peye fourtie lbs and mair, and the tenandis will geve yeirlie fourtie merkis, and putt thame vpe ane mylne; swa this extendis to nyne hundreth merkis besyddis thair daylie seruice; and as to your (l) landis of borge, thaye can never be maid worth fyve hundred merkis, for your (L) will never cum to that thing that your (l) said to me wes offerit, for thaye have refusit god[4] geve ever thaye thocht sic thing, and Lett be to offer it; and besyddis your (l) knawis that the Laird hes the teinschaves of the haill Landis, quhilkis maye be cumirsum in case thingis alter, quhilkis I war Laith it suld do for dyuerss respectis; thairfoir I praye your (l) take tyme, and the better quhen it is biddin your (l); for, geve your (l) agre nocht schortlie, it will never agre in your (l) dayes; and geve your (l) suld agre, I wald schaw gudwill to take the Laird of your (L) forsamekill as your (l) suld wantt of that sowme that is amangis ws, quhilkis wald baith putt your (l) to ane perfyte pointt, and hald me in greit trawell in seiking that siluer to your (l), quhilkis, as god sall Juge me, I beleve is nocht abill to be gottin in na maner of waye; for thair is na siluir in thir parttis. swa awatting your (l) anser, and dyssyrand to vnderstand your (L) dyett to this contre, with me hartlie commendationis of seruice to me Ladye, I commit your

[1] No less. [2] Farms in Kirkinner parish, and others contiguous.
[3] Over good cheap, too cheap.
[4] Have said, "might they not be saved if," etc.

(l) to the almychttie. Auchlein, this sondaye beand, as I suppoice, the xviij of September 1591. Youris (L) to be commandit at power and seruice,

William M^{c}clellane of croftis.

I sall have at your (l) the morne, geve ony ma cumis to me.
To the rycht honorable and his speciall gudelord
and eime me Lord of barnebarache geve this.

[The following Submission and Decreet are examples of a custom which prevailed at this period.]

In the Historie of James the Sext page 152 there is the following passage under date 1575. During the civill wearis it fortunit a gentilman callit Johnestoun of Wastraw to be slayne be the Hamiltouns; and be reasonn he was ane of the Erle of Angus dependers Lord Johnne Hamilton and Lord Clawd maid satisfactioun for the same at Halyruid hous palice to the Erle of Angus, be the delyverie of a sword be the poynt according to an ancient custume.

[In the Diurnal of Occurrents. (Edin^{r} 1833) p 346, this incident is related at greater length.]

The same day (7th March 1574-5) Johne Hamilton abbot of Aberbrothok, with his brother Lord Claud, come to the Cannogait, accumpayt with iii^{c} horss quha wes lugit in Margarett Paulis lugeing, to the effect following.

Wpoun the viij day betuix xi and xii houris in the day the said Johne abbot of abirbrothok, togidder with his brother Lord Claud, in the invart clois of the abbey, presentit ane nakit sword be the poynt to the erle of Angus, for the slauchter of umquhile James Johnestoun of Westerhall seruitour to the said erle; and Gavin Hamiltoun of Replach, Johne Hamiltoun of Brounhall, Johne Hamiltoun of Haggis, William Hamiltoun of Murnathane, Robert Hamiltoun of Nathane, and Robert Hamiltoun of Haillis, Arthour Hamiltoun of Morentoun and Johne Hamiltoun of Newtoun, ilk ane of thame efter vther in lykmaner, presentit ane naikit sword to George Dowglas, capitaine of the castell of Edinburgh; quhilk he delyuerit to the laird of Kirkmichael,

becaus he wes neirest of kin to the said umquhile James Johnestoun. And thairefter the saids Hamiltouns past to the regentis chamber, his grace meittand thame at the fute of the turgryse; quha imbracit thame in ane freindlie maner and remanit with him the denner.

Wpoun the tent day the regentis grace past of Edinburgh to Dalkeith. The said day the saids Hamiltouns past of the Cannogait to Hamiltoun. All the tyme of thair remanyng thai wer honorablie treitit with the haill nobilitie, and speciallie banketit with the erle of Angus the chancellour, and not without caus, be ressoun thai wer neir of blood; bot my lord Seytoun wes hevilie commovit at the foirsaid homage.

Submission to, and Decreet Arbitral by, WILLIAM M'CULLOCH of Myrtoun, as arbiter between FERGUS M'DOWALL of Barnaught, and JOHN M'KIE of Drumbuy, and their Friends, for the Mutilation of the said Fergus, 19th September 1591.

At Barnbarrach, the xix day of septembir, the yeir of god, 1m v^{c} Lxxx allewin yeris. The quhilk day fergus m^{c}dowell of barnaicht for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest of his kyn, freindis, and allyay, on the ane pairt; and Jon m^{c}kie of drumboye for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest of his bretherein, kyn, freindis, and alliay, on the vther pairt, hes submittit thame to the lauill sentense, and finall decreit arbitrall, off the hono^{ll} william m^{c}cullocht of myirtoun, as onlie Judge, arbitratour, and amicable compositour, Iqualie chosin be the saidis pairteis, in all and sindrie caussis, querellis, wariances, contraverses, vrangis, vnkyndness, or debaittis, standing in difference betuix thame, preceding the daitt heiroff: and in speciall for taiking arb^{r}(itration) quhat homage, assyithment, and satisfactioun, the said Johnne m^{c}kie and his bretherein sall mak, and do, To the said fergus and his freindis, for the mutilatioun of the said fergus vpon the rycht hand: and to convein and meit at barnbarrach the day and dait

of thir presentis, and to decerne within xx dayis nixt thaireftir; And baith the saidis partiis ar bound, obleist, and sworne, to abyde, fulfill, and vnderly, the decreit arbitrall to be pronuncit be the said w^am, onlie Juge arbitratour foirsaid, but appellatioun or reclamatioun; and the said william m^ccullocht of myirtoun sall decerne freindfullie in the premissis, quhais decreit salbe Inserit in the blank wryttin vpon the back heiroff, and b registrat in the commisseris buikis off wigtoun, and his auctoritie to be interponit thairto. Quhairby exe^lis (executorialis) of poinding and horning, the ane nocht preiiugeand the vther, may be directtit vpoun baith the saidis partiis for fulfilling thairoff, vpoun ane simple chairge of sex dayis only. And the said W^am, as only Judge forsaid, hes acceptit the said mater of decisioun in and vpoun him. In vitness heiroff baith the saidis pairtiis hes subscryuit this present submissioun, to gidder with the blank vpoun the back heiroff, quhairin the said Judges decreit salbe Inserit; as also the said William, in taikin of his acceptatioun, hes subscryuit this present submissioun as followis, day, yeir, and place foirsaid, Befoir thir witnessis, Alex^r gordoun tutor of creauchlaw, Jon m^ccullocht of wig, alex^r gordon appeirand of Balcray, and James gordon in grainge, with vderis, w^am gordoun, and robert m^calex^r, haigis.

I Michael Cochrane, notar publict, at commandis of fergus m^cdowell of barnaicht and John m^ckie of drumboy, thair handis respectiue tuicheing the pen, becaus thai culd nocht writte thame selffis, with my hand,

William m^ccullocht of myrtoun.

Decreet-Arbitral by WILLIAM M'CULLOCH of Myrtoun, written on the back of the preceding submission, 20th September 1591.

In the name of god sobeit. I william m^cculloch of myirtoun, only Judge arbitratour, and amicable compositour, equalie chosin betuix fergus m'dowell of barnaicht for him selff, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest of his kyn, freindis, and aliay, on the ane pairtt, and Johnne m'kie of drumboye for him self, and taikand the burthing on him for the rest off his bretherein,

kyn, freindis, and aliay, on the vther pairt, ffor taiking arbr (arbitrator) Quhat assyithment, homage, and satisfactioun, the said Jon m'kie and his bretherein, committaris of the mvtilatioun done be thame on the said fergus rycht hand, sall do to the said fergus and to his freindis for committing off the said mvtilatioun, and forgetting thairoff in tyme cuming. I the said William mculloch of myirtoun, onlie Juge arbitratour foirsaid, haiffing mett and convenit, and haiffing tane the said matter vpoun me, I haiffing god and guide consience befoir my eis, I pronunce, declairis, delyueris, and for finall sentence and decreit arbitrall decernis, and ordanis, the said Johnne m'kie of Drumboye to cum to the parroche kirk of kirkcowan vpoun the first sonday Immediately befoir martimes nixt, and bring with him thomas m'kie his brother, as being committar, at the lest present at the committing, of the said mvtilatioun, and thair to mak sick homage to the said fergus, his kyn, freindis, and aliay, as the vse is, Intaikin of thair repentence. viz I decerne thame, in presence of the congregatioun convenit of the tyme, to cum in, but thair schone, haiffing thair naikit suordis in thair handis, and thair first to craiff god, secundlie the pairtie, thridlie the congregatioun, forgiffnes for committing of the said mvtilatioun; presentting and offering the saidis naikit suordis be the pointtis to the said fergus, and his friendis and aliay convenit for the tyme; Quhilk homage I decerne the said fergus to ressaue, and to bring with him his haill freindis, ather be thair awin personall comperance, or be thair hand wryttis, granttand thame satisfeit with the said homage, Quhairby the said Johnne m'kie, his bretherein, kyn, and freindis, may be fred off the said mvtilatioun, and all dainger to follow thairvpoun in tyme cuming; quhilkis being done, I decerne the saidis Johnne and his bretherein to assyist, fortifie, and defend, the said fergus in all his lesum and honest actiones, and to tak ane trew and vprycht pairt with him in all tyme thaireftir; Lyike as the said fergus sall do the lyike to thame. And by and attour the said homage, for farther assyithment, I decerne the said Johnne mckie off drumboye for him selff, and taikand the burthing on him, as said is, to peye to the said fergus the sowme off tua hundreth.

markis money, vsuall of this realme, at the termes following, to witt, foirtie libs money thairoff at the making of the said homaige, fyiftie markis money at witsonday in anno Lxxx tuelff yeiris, fyiftie markis money at the nixt martimes thaireftir in the yeir of god foirsaid, and foirtie markis money, in compleit peyment of the said tua hundreth markis money, at witsonday in the yeir of god 1m v^{c} fourscoir threttein yeris, but langar delaye. and for the bettir peyment off the said sowme at the termes foirsaidis, I decerne the said Jo^{n} m'kie of drumboye to find ane responsable cautionar, actit in the commisseris buikis off wigtoun, or sereff court buikis thairoff, vnder the pane of poinding and hoirning vpoun ane simple chairge of sex dayis. And this my decreit, conforme to the provisioun contenit in the submissioun within wryttin, I ordaine to be registrat in the said commisseris buikis off wigtoun, or sereff court buikis thairoff, and executorialis of poinding and hoirning, the ane nocht preiugeand the vther, to be directit thairvpoun on ane simple chairge of sex dayis only, and to thet effectt I, with consent of the saidis pairtiis, hes constitute our procuratouris, to compeir befoir the said commisser or sereff, or thair deputtis, and consent to the registratioun thairoff in thair buikis respectiue, promitten de rato, Be thir presentis subscryuitt as followis, At barnbarrache the xx day of september, the yeir of god 1m v^{c} fourscoir allewin yeris, Befoir thir witnessis, Alex^{r} gordoun tutour of craeuchlaw, W^{m} m^{c}culloch of wig, Alex^{r} gordoun appeirand of balcray, and James gordoun in grainge, with vderis W^{m} gordoun, and robert m^{c}alex^{r}, haigis.

I michael cochrane, notar publict, at command of fergus m^{c}dowell of barnaicht and Jo^{n} M^{c}Kie of drumboye, thair handis respectiue tuicheing the pen, becaus thai culd nocht writte thame selffis, with my hand,

William m^{c}cullocht of myrtoun.

Extract Brief of Inquest of Sir PATRICK WAUS, as Heir-Male of GEORGE WAUS, Bishop of Whithorn, 12th October 1591.

The sereff heid court of Wigtoun halden in the tolbuith of the

samin be ye hono[ll] andro agnew sereff off Wigtoun the twelff day off october 1591. Suittis callit, the court affirmat, absentis amerciat, dempstar Patrik Wairdlaw.

Inquisitio.

George m[c]culloch of torhouss,
W[am] campbell of kerintray,
Patrik hannay of kirkdaill,
harie halthoirne of Areiss,
W[am] dunbar in culmalzow,
Mr w[m] m[c]gowyne commisser off wigtoun,
Alex[r] gordoun appeirand of balcray,
Johnne baillie in dunragat,
Symon m[c]crystine of Clonsche,
Johnne ramsay off Boighouss,
Gilbert gordoun of polemallairt,
W[am] Mwir tutour of Cairnefeild,
malcolme m[c]kie in dyrrie,
} *Jurati.*

The quhilk day compeirit in Jugement the rycht hon[ll] Ser Patrik wawss of Barnbarrach, knycht, and presentit our souerane loirdis breiff, lauchfullie proclamit, dewlie execute, and Indorsat, with ane acclame desyring the hono[ll] inqueist abouewrittin to serrue him, as narrest and lauchfull air maill, to umquhill ane reuerend father in god, george wawss, sumtyme bischope of quhitherne, his guidseris brother, Quha deceissit in the moneth of ye yeir of god 1[m] yeiris. Quhilk breiff and acclame being oppinly red in jugement to ye foirsaid inqueist, and the execution of the said breiff verifeit be w[m] m[c]culloch, kingis officer and seruand, vpoun the xx day of september last, The said inqueist past furth of cort, as the vse is, being rypelie advysit, with the said breiff and clame, and in entering agane all on ane voice, but variance, seruit the said Ser patrik as air maill narrest and lauchfull to the said umquhill george, his gudseris brother, conforme to the said clame; vpoun the quhilk seruice and delyuerance the said Ser patrik protestit

for rolment of cort and retour, Quhilk the juge ordanit. Extractum de libro actorum curie vice comitatus de Wigtoun per me clericum dicti vice comitatus notarium publicum submeis signo et subscriptione manualibus vsitatis et consuetis.

Michael cochrane, clericus vicecommitatus
de wigtoun, notarius publicus.

[In a similar document he was served heir of line by the same jury and at the same date.]

[Sir Patrick now marries his daughter Eupheme to Alexander Baillie, eldest son and heir of William Baillie of Dunragit, by the following Contract, 22d October 1591.]

At Barnebarrach the tuentie twa day off October the yeir of god J^{m} v^{c} lxxx alevin yeiris It is appoyntit concordit finalie endit and aggreit betuix the honorabill Ser patrik Waus of Barnebarrach knicht for him selff and takand the burding vpoun him for ewffame Waus his lauchfull dochtir on that ane part And Williame bailye of blairschinnoch for him selff and takand the burding on him for alexander bailye his lauchfull sonne and apperand air, and the said William as tutour administratour and gydar for him on the vthir part in maner forme force and effect as eftir followis To witt the said alexander god villing sall compleit the holie band of matrimonie with the said ewffame in face of holie kirk or[1] hallowmes nixtocum and the foirsaid williame sall remvffe the tenentis of the landis of cowlba and blairschinnoch lyand vithin the parochin of longcastell and sherefdome of wigtoun at witsounday nixt or soner as he may haiff occasioun and possess the said alexander and ewffame his apperand spous peciably thairin be ordour of law and sall nocht remowe thame thairfra during the said william lyftyme and eftir his deceis thay to remviff thairfra and possess Jeane lorfeawer present spous to the said williame thairin and scho to leiff vod and red[2] the landis of mekill

[1] Before.

[2] Empty and cleared.

dunragget and balnab to the foirsaid alexander and ewffame And incace the foirsaid alexander deceis befoir the said ewffame In that caice the said williame bindis and oblissis him his airis etc., etc., to mak the landis of blairschinnoch and cowlba worth thrie hundreith merkis money vsuale of this realme yeirlie or to pay thrie hundreth merkis money to hir the said eufame yeirlie during hir lyftyme sche leiffing the saidis landis and plenesing to the said william and his foirsaidis and find sufficient cautioun actit In the commisseris buikis of wigtoun for the yeirlie payment of the said thrie hundreth merkis Attour the said william obleissis him his airis and assignais to Infeft heritablie the foirsaid alexander and ewffame in coniunctfie in all and haill the foirsaidis landis of blairschinnoch and cowlba etc., etc. Mairour the said williame oblessis him and his foirsaidis to giff to the foirnamit alexander and ewffame thriescoir scheip fyftie bollis aittis and fywe oxin to help to labour the saidis landis of blairschinnoch and cowlba with horssis at his awin discretioun and sall sustine thame with him selff in his awin hous and thair fortouns the space of tua yeris honestlie as effeiris eftir thair removing out of the said Ser patrik hous. And farder the said villiame oblessis him that he sall nocht dispone his rycht kyndnes or possessioun of the foirnamit landis of mekill dunragget and balnab and sall put the foirsaid alexander in rycht and tytill quhilkis he sal happin to obtine of thame with him selff for the quhilkis caussis the said Ser patrik oblessis him his lauchfull airis executouris and assignais to content and pay to the said villiame the sowme of fywe hundreth merkis money vsuale of this realme at the feist of the purificatioun of our ladie callit candilmes in the yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} lxxx tuelff yeiris and vthir fywe hundreth merkis money at candilmes in the yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} lxxx threttine yeris extending in the haill to ane thowsand merkis money as tochir with the foirsaid ewffame his lauchfull dochtir Togidder with ane yeiris finding and thair fortounis as effeiris and sall giff thame to help to plenise the saidis landis four oxin fourtie lambes and tuentie bollis aittis and sall [find security for the tocher etc]. Item the said villiame bailye oblessis him and his foirsaidis to pay yeirlie to the foirsaid alexander

and his said future spous tuentie bollis aittis to help to thair sustentatioun during his lyftyme alanerlie and the said Ser patrik assignis to thame vj bollis beir to be tane vp out of the landis of arequhassan lyand vithin the parochin and sherefdom befoir-vrittin as donatour to the vaird releiff and nonentrie of william kennedie minor during the vaird onlie etc [clauses of warrandice and registration]. In witnes heirof baith the saidis parteis hes subscryuit this present contract with thair handis day yeir and place as befoirvryttin Befoir thir witnessis williame adair of ganoch Johnne kennedie in barquhonie harie hathorne of mekill areis gilbert bailye in barschangand gavin m'gowyne sonne to mr william m'gowyne commisser (Sic subscribitur) Ser Patrik waus off Barnbarrache knycht with my hand, Williame bailye off blairschynnocht william adair of gannoch witnes Johne kennedy In barquhony witnes gawyne macgowyne witnes The saidis day and place befoir the saidis witnessis the parteis consentit to the registring heirof.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of Pinwherrie to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 27th October 1591.

My lord, efter my verie hartlie commendations, I will ernistlie desyre your (lo) that ye vill send me the confirmatioun of barquhany and of the landis of kirkosald vith this berar, that I may have the sycht thairof, and I will promeis your (lo) be this my vrait that I sall send the same againe to your (lo); thairfoir I dout nocht bot your lo vill obey this my raisonable requeist, and nocht put me to the paines as to charge your (lo) be ane law, as I may be me contract, gif your (lo) refuis the same. I willit my cusing, dauid kenedy, to speik your (lo) in this behalf, quha schew me that your (l) wald grant me the sycht of the same. Sa, nocht doutting bot your lo will obey my requeist, as saidis, as I salbe rady to pleser your (lo) quhen occation offeris. my hartlie commendations rememberit to me ladie, your bedfallow, committis yow and hir to goddis protectioun. att

garwane,[1] the (27) october 1591.—be youris (lo) to be commandit at his pouer, Jhone kennedie off pinquherie.

To my verie guid lord and assurit guide freind
my Lord of barbarrocht.

Letter from HEW WALLACE of Carnell to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th February 1591-2.

My Lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioune with serwic, pleiss your L wnderstand that the lard of Sornbeg, my oy,[2] hes schawin to me that your L hes schawin him greit fauour and kyndnes anentis the fordering of him be the law, concerneing the actionnes that my said oy [2] hes to persew his father bredering for the delyuering of his ewidentis, as your (L) knawis the maner. quhairfoir I and myne thinkis us adaitit[3] to your L to gif your L greit thankis for the kyndnes and freindschip that my oy [2] hes found be your L guidwill, and in respeict of the commendatioune that my oy [2] maid of your (L) fauour and gudwill, he hes moifit[4] me to wryt this lettre of requeist and thankis to your L. nocht to trubill your L with langer lettre, bot prayis your (L) to help my oy [2] sa far as your (L) may of law, as I and my said oy [2] salbe redie to do yowr (L) pleissour and serwic, quhen it sall pleiss your (L) to charg ws; and comeitis your (L) in the protextioune of the all mychtie god. of carnell the twelf day of fabreuer (1591).—Be your L assurit freind at command and serwice, Hew Wallace of carnell.

To the rycht honorbill Lord my Lord of barnbarothe
delyver this.

Letter from DUNBAR of Mochrum, Younger, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 7th April 1592.

My Lorde, eftir my veray hartlie commendatioun of seruice,

[1] Girvan.

[2] Grandson. A year after this, John Shaw of Sornbeg married Sir Patrick's daughter Elizabeth.

[3] Indebted. [4] Moved.

It will pleis your L at my last cuming out of Ed[r] I was Inquisityve of your L quhat landis your L wauld assing[1] to pay the thridis according to the assumptioun, and your L schew me at your hame cuming that ony of your few landis that aucht to pay, that the tennentis sall anser for the samen without ony farther chargeing. And now it is trew, my Lord, the collector hes send his lettre and commissioun to uptak the thridis for the fourscoir ellevin.[2] as to the Lairde of blarquhenis landis, I have this last setterday poyndit thame alreddie, bot as to your Ls men, thai have nocht bein socht, albeit I am Informit thai have schawin your L that thai have bein boistit[3] to be poyndit, I luik that your L will adverteis me quhome of your servandis ye will command to pay for your few maillis and teyndis for sa mekle as is in the thridis. It is na hurt to your L that the collector be als weill anserit as blairquhen, for your L salbe als esilie handillit. I persave be ane wrytting of M[r] Jhonne dougesouns that he compleins of sum brek of promeis in the Lairde, quhilk apperandlie is ane stay of that guid wrok,[4] that thai war lyk to tak betuix the lairde and yow, In speciall anentis sum harrowing quhilk your L is exemit fra, the secund for chairgeing of your Ls servandis for boist of poynding; as to the first, It was never utherwayis commonit be na freind, bot thair suld have bein tua or thrie singill bailyie dayis[5] grantit, teilling, making, fastronisevin[6] henrs[7] (?) being dischargeit, mony of thir thai can not complein; and quhair your men informis your L that thai war bostit to be poyndit, that mater sall nocht cry sua. My Lorde this is slycht motiouns upoun sinnister reportis to stay ane guid and ane godlie work. My Lard ye have ane guid consale to giff to ane freind, taik pairt of it to your Ls self. quiet your hous with your nychtbouris, and keip baith honour and proffit. The Lorde hes bein ane guid god to yow and your marrow, sen ye met, and hes promuffit your L to greit honour and conqueis, the first conqueis of the warld is to leve your hous in quietnes. Let thir guid and godlie men, that hes the mater betuix the lairde and

[1] Assign. [2] 1591. [3] Threatened. [4] Work.
[5] A day's work given by tenants to their landlords.
[6] Shrove Tuesday. [7] This word may be henis, hens.

yow in handis, taik sick ordour with it, as may agrie to the glorie of god, and quietnes of yow baith. Swa I leve this last poynt to your L's awn wisdome, and thair guid travell. Luiking for your L's Anser in the former premisses, my commendatiouns of seruice being rememberit to my ladie. ffrome glastoun, the vii of Apryle 1592.—Your Ls Assurit in ane fassioun,

Mochrum, Younger.

To my veray speciall gude lord,
my Lorde of barnbarroch.

[On the 29th May this year 1592, Parliament chose as Lords of the Articles, eight clericals, eight noblemen, and eight Barons, among which last was Barnbarroch.]

[The next paper is a Decreet in an Action raised by Sir Patrick against his friend Bargany, to recover lands which he claimed as heir to his grand uncle George, Bishop of Galloway, to whom he asserts that they had been sold just one hundred years previously. The marginal notes by the judge show the progress of the suit for two years.

Decreet, the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH against THOMAS KENNEDY of Bargany, 5th August 1592.

At Edinburgh the fyfte day of August the yere of god i^{m} v^{c} fourescore twelf yeres anent the summonndis raisit at the instance of S^{r} Patrik vaus of barnbarrocht, knicht, ane of the senatouris of the college of Justice, narrest and lauchtfull air maill to umquhile ane reuerend fader in god, george bischop of galloway, his grandseris brother, Aganis Thomas kennedie of barganie, successour and air be progress, at the leist appearand air to thomas kennedie of barganie, his grandser, makar of the pretendit infeftment and chartar eftir specifyt, marioun campbell of Corsuell, dochter lawchtfull ane of the tua airis of umquhile findla campbell of Corsuell, at the leist one of the tua airis appearand of the said umqle findla campbell, the vther of

the tua airis of the said umquhile findlaw at the uther of the tua airis appearand to him, Uthrid makdougall of garthland, uthrid makdougall his sone, and appearand air, pretendit heretabill possessouris, or lyferentaris, of ye landis eftir specifyt, And all utheris haveand, or pretendand to have, enteres to the actionn and caus eftirmentionnat. Tuiching the productionn befoir the Lordis of counsale of the pretendit infeftmentis, charteris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasing, Of all and haill the foure merkland land and ane half of portincailzie, and twentie schilling land of auld extent of Dowloche, with all thair pairtis, pendicles, and pertinentis, Saulfand and exceptand allanerlie one half aikre of the foirsaidis landis of portincailzie, lyand vponne the north syde of the said toun of portincaillie besyde the seysyde. To the said umquhile Thomas kennedie of barganie for seruice to haif bene done to his superiour of the samin, Quhilk pretendit infeftmentis, charteris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasing, war maid and gevin be the said umquhile Thomas kennedie of barganie, or quhatsumevir his predicessouris sen the moneth of September, The yeir of god one thousand foure hundreth fourescoir twelf yeris, To the said findlaw campbell of corswell, the saidis mareonn campbell and campbell his airis, Uthrid makdougall of garthland, uthrid makdougall his sone and appearand air, or ony thair predicessouris, Togidder with all retouris, be the quhilkis the saidis personis, or ony of thame, hes seruit and retourit thame selffis as narrest and lauchtfull airis to ony thair predicessouris In the samin landis of portincailzie and dowloch respective with thair pertinentis; And als the instrumentis of sasine, gif ony be, direct thairvponne of quhatsumeuir dait or daittis, the saidis pretendit infeftmentis, charteris, retouris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasine following thairvponne, be of eftir the said tuelft day of september, The yeir of god fourescoir twelf yeiris foirsaid, To be sene and considderit be the lordis of consalle, and to here and sie the samin, with all that hes followit, or may follow, thairvponne, Retreittit and Rescindit at the instance of the said persewar As haveand vndouttit richt to the propertie thairof, And forder to here and sie the heretabill richt of propertie of the saidis landis

respectiue, with thair pertinentis, be decernit, adiudgeit, and declairit be decreit of the saidis Lordis of counsale, To have pertenit to the said umquhile george bischop of galloway heretablie, And now to pertene to the said S^r^ Patrik vaus of Barnebarrocht, knicht, narrest and lauchtfull air maill to the said umquhile Bischop; And to that effect that the said persewar may be frelie seruit, enterit, and seissit, as narrest and lauchtfull air maill to the said umquhile george, bischop of galloway, in the saidis landis respectiue, with thair pertinentis, To be bruikit be him, his airis, and successouris, as thair propirtie and heretage in all tyme cuming, for the causs contenit in the saidis summonndis, as the samin at mair lenth beris. The said persewar, being personnallie present with m^r^ Johnne shairp his pro^r^, and the saidis defendaris being lauchfullie summound to this actioun, oftymes callit, and not comperit, The Lordis of counsale continewis ye saidis summoundis in the samin forme, force and effect, as thay are now, but preiudice of partie vnto the aucht day of November nixtocum, with continewatioun of dayis, And ordanis the said persewar to haif lettres to wairne the saidis defendaris To bring with thame the saidis pretendit infeftmentis, charteris, preceptis, and instrumentis of sasine, Togidder with the foirsaidis retouris, And als the saidis instrumentis of sasine, gif ony be, direct thairvponne, To be sene and considderit be the saidis lordis, with certificatioun to thame, and thay failie the samin with all that hes followit, or may follow thairvponne, salbe retreittit, and rescindit, at the instance of the said persewar as haveand undoutit richt to the propirtie thairof. And forder the heretabill richt of the saidis landis respectiue with thair pertinentis salbe decernit, adiudgeit, and declairit be decreit of the saidis lordis of counsale To have pertenit to the said umquhile George, bischop of galloway, heretabillie, And now to appertene to the said persewar, narrest and lauchtfull air to the said umquhile Bischop. And to that effect that the said persewar may be frielie seruit as narrest and lauchtfull air to the said umquhile george, bischop of galloway, in the saidis landis respectiue, with thair pertinentis, To be bruikit be him, his airis, and successours, As thair propirtie and heretage in all tyme

cuming, Conforme to the desyre of the saidis summoundis. Extractum de libro actorum per me Alexandrum hay de eisterkennet, clericum rotulorum registri ac Consilii S. D. N. Regis, sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus.

Alexander hay.

[The following notes are written on the margin of this decreit.]

xxiii Janry 1592.—Alter king—alter Russell—ac moncreif.—To sie the peces.

19 December 1593.—partibus ut supra.—assigns moncreif procurator for the l of garthland the first of Janr to certifie his client and anser In this mater.

16 Janry 1593.—Alter scharp—craig vt moncreif for rouchead—russell for barganie.—To sie the peces.

xxo Maii 1594.—partibus vt supra.—ordanis to sie the peces and anser.

primo July 1594.—partibus vt supra.—ordanis to sie the peces.

xxii July 1594.—continewis this mater quhill the ferd day of November nixtocum quhill the nixt sessioun of consent of scharpe and moncreif.

17 Febry 1594.—of consent of mr king and moncreif for baith the parties continewis this mater quhill the xx day of maii nixtocum.

Letter from Sir Andrew Agnew to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 24th June 1592.

My lord, eftir my hertlie commendatioun, the berar heirof Mr Williame Turner, as I am Informit, hes agreit with the commisser, and hes satisfeit him in all thingis, according as he will testefie and mak knawin vnto your (L.) Quhairfoir I will desyre your (L) that as your (L) hes bene ane guid freind and favorer of him hitherto So in lyke wayis your (L) will forder him to get his besines exped. This nocht dowting bot your (L) will do for my requeist, as I salbe habill to do for your (L) requeist agane. Nocht trubling your (l) with farder at this present quhill the nixt occasioun, committis your (L) to the protectioun of the lord ffrome the wigtoun, the xxiiij day of Junij 1592,

Andro Agnew.

To the rycht honorabill and my speciall
my lord of barnebarroch.

[The following is an extract from an act passed in the last Parliament in favour of Barnbarroch and Mr Peter Young, ratifying their proceedings in Denmark, and confirming them in possession of their lands.]

Acta Parliamentorum JACOBI VI. A.D. 1592.

c. 49 Ratification to the laird of barnebarrauche and Mr Peter Young, and of thair proceedings in the said marriage, and of thair infeftmentis.

Oure Souerane Lord and estaitis of parliament, acknawledgeing and remembring the ernest fauor guid will and affectioun euer borne to his hienes seruice be his richt trustie and weilbelouit counsellour S^r^ patrik waus of barnebarrouche, knicht, ane of the Senatouris of the college of iustice, and Maister piter young of seytoun, his hienes M^r^ elemosinar, and ane of the lordis of his Maiesties privie counsaill, quha nocht onlie at his hienes desyr travellit, and tuik seuerall Jornayis from this realme, as his hienes ambassadoris to the realme of denmark; To wit the said M^r^ piter wes directit be his Ma^tie^ as ambassadour foirsaid in the moneth of Julij the yeir of god j^m^ v^c^ fourscoir sex yeiris, and siclyk the said S^r^ patrik and M^r^ piter wer directit in maner foirsaid in the moneth of Maij the yeir of god j^m^ v^c^ fourscoir sevin yeris, ffor treating and concluding vpoun the heidis of his Maiesties maist honourable marriage with his hienes darrest and weilbelouit spous Anna, now quene of scottis; Bot also vpoun the suddantie, at his hienes request, Tuik woyage, and accumpaneit his Maiestie To the realme of Norroway, To the sollempnizatioun of the said marriage, In the moneth of october, the yeir of god j^m^ v^c^ fourscoir nyne yeiris, To thair greit travell, chargis, and expenssis, in remaning with his Maiestie quhill thair returning, quhilk was in the moneth of Desember, the yeir of god foirsaid; That thai wer directit be his Ma^tie^ To returne within this realme ffor certane his Maiesties speciall adois within the same, And thairfoir oure said souerane lord, with auise of the saidis estaitis of this present parliament, hes allowit, and be thir

presentis allowis, all thingis done be the said S^r^ Patrik waus and Mr piter young, as ambassadouris for his hienes, In thair said Jornayis, and thair awaypassing, attendance, and accumpaneing of his Ma^tie^ the tyme of his absence In the said realme of norroway, and returning in maner foirsaid, As maist acceptable, guid, and thankfull seruice done to his hienes, and for the weill of his haill realme. And siclyk Oure said souerane lord, with auise foirsaid, in pairt of recompans of thair said seruice and expensis maid be thame in thair saidis woyages, hes Ratifiet and approvin, and be thir presentis ratifies and apprevis The infeftment, gift, and dispositioun, grantit be his hienes to the said S^r^ patrik waus of barnebarrauche, knicht, his aris Maill and of tailzie, in the moneth of August, the yeir of god j^m^ v^c^ fourscoir ellevin yeiris, of the landis and baronie of barnebarrauche, and all and sindrie vtheris landis, baronies, rowmes, possessiones, specifeit and contenit in the said infeftment, with the castellis, toweris, mylnis multuris, woddis, fischingis, annexis, connexis, tenentis, tennandries, and seruice of frie tennentis, with aduocatioun, donatioun, and richt of patronage, of the kirkis, baith personages and vicarages, of wigtoun, kirkynner, kirkcowell, and colmonell, and all thair pertinentis, Togidder with the dispositioun, vnioun, and annexatioun, mentionat and expressit in the infeftment foirsaid, ane vthir charter and infeftment grantit be his Ma^tie^ To the said S^r^ patrik and his airis specifeit thairin, off his twentie twa merk land and ane half; To wit kirrivalk, kirkeane, kildarrok and Clutarche, all lyand within the parrochin of kirkynner, and serefdome of wigtoun, To be haldin of our souerane lord and his successouris ffor payment of the auld few males and dewties vsit and wont thairfoir; and als ane pensioun grantit be his Maiestie To the said S^r^ patrik and his aris maill and of tailzie off the sowme of twa hundreth pundis yeirlie, to be takin vp be him allowit and defalkit to him of the few males of his saidis landis, quhilkis he hes in few, Off the dait the first day of junii, the yeir of god j^m^ v^c^ fourscoir tuelf yeiris. [Then follow similar grants to Mr Young] and for his hienes saidis counsallouris thair better securitie of the premissis, Oure said souerane lord, with auise foirsaid, hes of new grantit and disponit to his saidis

counsallouris the foirsaid haill richtis respectiue aboue mentionat, and Ordanis the same to be renewit in the maist ample forme.

Letter signed "LARG" (Crichton of Larg) to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, with Memorandum and Receipt, 30th September 1592.

Rycht speciall ame, eftir my hartly commendations your l sall wit that I haif ado with siluer to this raid, and I desyre your l delyuir to this berar my thre peice of gold, quhilk I gaiff to yow, to wit twa roisnobillis [1] with ane dowbill ducat; siclyk, me lord, ye wilbe awand me xiij or xiiij lib sen the deceiss of my mother, as this wthir wreyt will declair, quhilk I desyre yow to delyuir to this berar; for I haiff ado with siluir, and your l man be sa gud as to send me the samyn, and I sall pleser your l as far, and [2] ye cherge me agane. sa I commit your l to the protexioun of god, at the larg, the last of september 1592.—Be youris l assurit ame at all powar,

larg.

med,—the lard of larg was awand me ten pund at mertemes in the Lxxx yeir of god, quhilk aucht to be deducit of the restis that I am awand to him, to wit xlss yeirly sen the said terme of mertemes to the redemptioun of baryarrak, quhilk was redemitt at

I Jhone M^r^ (Muir) notar grantis me to haiff ressauit fra the hono^ll^ Sir patrik vauss of barnbarrocht, knycht, xxij merkis money for the roisnobillis aboue wrettin, and grantis me resauit the dowbill ducat, in name and behalff of my maister, the lard of larg. subscrywit with my hand at barnbarracht, the last of september 1592.

Jhone m^r^ notar.

To the hono^ll^ and his speciall ame Ser patrik vauss of barnbarrocht knycht.

[1] Rosenobles. [2] An, if.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of BALTERSAN to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 10th October 1592.

My Lord, efter my very hartlie commendatiounis, It will pleis your (ll) to witt that I haue givin florence M^c^ dugal ane hundreth poundis, quhilk scho hes givin cloncaird, and ane wther hundreth pound, quhilk scho suld gif to Girwanmainis for the entres of ane stedding; I being werie ernestlie desyrit of hir this to do, as ane of the tutoris to Barquhenei, and according to my promeis to him[1] on his deid bed, quhilk on my conscience my (l), I promeisit befoir your dauchter to sie hir payit of the first and reddiest, and now I haue tane hir richt thairof, and man gif hir in the rest; for the soum extendis to fyue hundreth and tuontie fyue merk, this martimes nixtocum being includit thairin, quhairtill I haue richt. your (l) knawis Barquhennie departit at youill[2] the fourscoir aucht, and sua Witsonday and Martimes in the fourscoir nyn is the first yeir, fourscoir ten and fourscoir alewin, and aucht scoir of merkis and fyftein yeirlie compleitis the sowme foirsaid. And now, me (L), I am oblischit to Jhone of knogdaw for sextein hundreth merkis, to be delywerit on hallow evin nixt, quhilk feiland I man gif him tuonty hundreth merk on martimes evin; and in the main tym hes the laird of carltoun, Gilbert forgusone, and Moreis M^c^Murri, katonaris,[3] and my self to be put to the horn with thame, and na favour to be gottin to me at this manis hand: the particular heirof his brother can declair yow, heirfoir I will pray your (ll), for ony plesair or service I can be abill to do your (l), that ye will be sa guid as to furnisch four hundreth merkis of the soum foirsaid to ane guid count till our meitting in Edinburgh, and in the main tym form your awin aquettance, and I sall subscryue it, or ye sall haue hiris[4] at your plesuir; or ellis, gif your (L) can nocht haue the silwer reddie againis that da, I pray your (l) to travail M^r^ Johne ather to delay me of four hundreth merkis a certain space, or

[1] John, son of Hew Kennedy of Barquhanny, who married Sir Patrick Waus's daughter.

[2] Yule, Christmas. [3] Cautioners. [4] Hers.

ellis releif me at his hand of the four hundreth merkis, quhilk sal be alyk as gif I had ressavit it my self from yow. I wald haue mett with your (L) myself was not my wyf is dieisit,[1] and hes ane doctor with hir, bot I am disapointit so with the guidman of the chepaill,[2] as this beirar can declair yow, for I tiuk on my land a thousand merkis farner to lend him to end his blok[3] of balneill, quhilk I hopit to have rassavit now, to haue givin Johne of Knogdaw as he promeisit to me, and now I am compellit to furnisch it my self, or gang to the horn, as said is. Referring the rest to your (L) guidwill concerning my releif heiranent, and quhat this berar travaillis with vith your (L) to be done in my name, I promit be this my hand waryt[4] to fulfill the samin. Omitting to trouble your (l) farder committis yow to godis holie protectioun. from Balterssand, the tent day of October.—Be your Lordschipis to be commandit at power,

Baltersane.

[The outer sheet with the address is missing.]

[The two following undated letters are by the same.]

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of Baltersan to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 7th March (1593?).

My Lord, Efter my varie humbill commendationis with seruice, fforsameikill as your (ll) sall witt That my Eme, dauid reid, hes writtin hame to me, declairand of the gret help and furtherance that your (ll) hes maid to him In all my turnis, baith anent the suspentioun aganis williame campbell, and also in the Removeing aganis James Craufurd; Quhairfoir I thank your (ll) maist hartlie, for it is nocht now onlie that I haif had your (ll) help and furtherance, bot at all tymes quhen euer I had to do; And I pray god that I may sie the day in your (ll) honest adois That euer I may be abill be my furtherance thairof To recompance your (ll) guidwill to my power. And as your (ll) euir bene helpfull to me in tymes bigane in my adois, I will yit requeist your (ll) to help and further my Eme, Dauid

[1] Diseased, sick. [2] Chapel. [3] Bargain. [4] Write.

reid, to putt ane end to James crawfurdis removeing in this cessioun: ffor your (ll) knawis the estait of that caus better nor I can declair the samen to your (ll). Haifing na further occasioun at this present, Bot luikis for your (ll) furtherance to my Eme Dauid reid thairintill all that your (ll) may in this cessioun, for gif decreit of removeing could be had aganis James craufurd in this cessioun, It wald be grettumlie my weill. Referring the rest to your (ll) guidwill heirintill, committis your (ll) to the protectioun of the almichtie god; with my hartle commendationis to the Lady your bedfallow. Off Mayboill, the sewint of merche, Be your (ll) to be commandit at pouer,

Balterssane.

To the rycht honorable and my verie guid Lord
My Lord off Barnebaro^{t}.

Letter from JOHN KENNEDY of Baltersan to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 13th July (1584?).

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatiounis, forsamekle as it will pleise your (ll) to ressaue the mineit, quhairin the air[1] of knokdaw, forgus kennedy and Johne kennedy his tutor, war summondit at thair duelling place of Troboyok upon the tuentie aucht day of Jun be James sloan executor, and Rodgar ekelschem, and alexander makilvraith, witnes. I ressauit nocht your (ll) lettir till the tuontie sevin day. The tutor of knokda and I speikis nocht, thairfoir I culd report you nane of his ansueris. your (ll) sall resaue the copie of the tak of drumurchie, quhilk ye gaue me. I pray yow send the summondis of removing of drumurchie wnto me, for ye will get thame but[2] warning, as I haue done sindrie tymis; send thame with this beirar, and with diligence I sall send thame bak to yow again. I haue ane transferring of my wyfis contract, quhilk is registrat, quhilk is na hurt to the bairn of Barquhenny;[3] Thairfoir I wald wis

[1] Heir. [2] Without.

[3] Hew Kennedy, younger son of Gilbert, second Earl of Cassillis, was designated of Barquhanny, a farm, now part of the estate of Barnbarroch. He was uncle to Catherine, Lady Barnbarroch, and the "bairn" consequently her first cousin.

your (ll) to move nane to mak delay thairin, for ye knaw I will get it don. Referring the rest to your (ll) adverteisment, committis yow to the protectioun of god. from the greinan, the Thrattein of Julye, Be your (ll) assurit at pover,

Balterssand.

To my werie guid Lord my lord of Barnbarroch.

[On the back is written]—

Ane summondis of Removing at the instance of wa^{m} kennedy of barquhannie, takisman of the landis of four merkland of drumurchie[1] with the pertenentis, lyand within the baillerie of carrik, and serefdom of air, and Ser patrik vauss of barnbarroch knycht, etc., and John kennedy of baltersane his tutoris, for thair entres aganis Andro m^{c}martyne, and bannatyne, pretendit fueiris and occupyiris thairof.

Letter [Blank] to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 4th November 1592.

My Lord, eftir my verrie hartlie commendatioun, I haue resauit your (ll) letter. I am suir that your (l) and william m^{c}clellan bayth will mak me ane gret mendis for the want of my siluer sa lang, ffor of truth it hinderit me fyve hundreyth merkis of vther turnis that I had ado. Always I will luke now to get my avne siluer, as ye wald I suld pleser yow in all my tyme heireftir. for I can nocht devyde my sovme of thre thousand merkis, and as to the vther thousand pvndis, your (L) vald do me ane gret pleser gif it mycht ony wayis he haid at this terme: And gif nocht, I will be content to resaif the lyk securetie as I haue alredy, till this tyme tolmoth,[2] And this I do to pleser yow, lyke as of befoir. I wald haue gevin the haill sovm vpon your word. I haue writtin to Mr Alex^{r} Cluigstone to schaw yow the same. as to laird levingstoun, I am maist willing that he sall haue the annuell for his sustentatioun, quhair

[1] Thomas Kennedy, second son of Kennedy of Bargany, was designated of Drumurchie.—*Hist. Kennedys*, p. 26.

[2] Twelve months.

euir the siluer be layd, bot As yit I can nocht be persuadit that it salbe bestowit in gallovay, nor yit haue I the avyce of his brother, for he is nocht heir; for I ordan his broder to be ane Dueller in this cuntrie. I will pray your (l) verie earnistlie that I may haue my thre thousand merkis on wodinsday nixto-cum, or thurisday at the fardest, for I haue it to transport to vther partis, quhair it mon be delyuerit on mertymes evin. nocht Douting bot your (l) will pleser me In this, as ye wald me to command in ane greiter turne. remitting the rest to your anser with delegens quhat I may luk for, and god preserff you. of the callender, the fferd day of november 1592.—Your l assurit freind at pover,

[Signature cut off.]

To my very speciall good freind
The Laird of Barnbaru Knycht.

Letter from PATRICK BLANE, Provost of Wigtoun, 17th December 1592. [Holograph.]

My lord, eftir my maist hartlie commendatioun of seruice, your (l) vnderstandis that the vicarage of crugiltoun vaikis, and the land Is fewit to the sereff, as your (l) knawis, and the rest of the vicarage Is litill gude worth. Nochttheles It wald be sum help to ane freynd myne, Ser nichol mᶜblane. Prayand your (l) that ye will get the gift of It to him, for I heir say the king presentis, and I traist to get him admittit be the kirk, for the mater Is bot sobar, for It is scant worth be yeir; and becaus If he Is neir hand by the samyn vald do him sum support; and quhat your (l) waris thairupoun I sall recompence yow thairoff, with sic vtheris plesouris and seruices as I or the puir man may do to your (l). and thus dowtis nocht your (l) will do, as my traist Is in yow. and god keip your (l). At wigtoun, the xvij of December 1592.—be your (l) eftir his seruice,

Patrik blane provest off vigtou.

[Address torn off.]

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to [Blank]
4th March 1592-3.

Right honorable and speciell freind, eftir werie hartlie commendatione, my (lo) my husband haifand so lowinglie and frelie dealt In ending my turnis with yow, and now haifand to doe befoir your (lo) of sessione aganis M^r peter yong, I man ernestlie requyst yow that my (lo) may haif experience of your gudwill and fawor In this particular, being ane thing altogether agriabill to the common law of the cuntrie, and guid conscience, I pray yow lat my (lo) find that for my causs ye ar ernist and fordwart In that turne. so referring to the nixt occasione, I commit yow to god. frome Kinneil, the 4 day of marche 1592.— Your assurit guid freind at power,

Margaret Lyonn.

[The outer sheet with address is missing.]

[The marriage of another daughter to John Shaw of Sornbeg follows. Among the witnesses is William Wallace, minister of Failford, whose letter from Elsinore is given above. Sornbeg's mother was Helene Wallace, probably of the same family.]

Marriage Contract between JOHN SHAW of Sornbeg and ELIZABETH WAUS, 15th March 1592-3.

At the Sornbeg and the fyiftene and dais of Marche respectiue the yeir of god j^m v^c fourscoir tuelf and yeiris. It is appoyntit, agreit, contractit, bundin, and finallie endit, betuene the honourabill parteis vnderwrittin, To wit Ser patrik Vass of barnebarrocht knycht, for him self and takand the burdene in and vpone him for elisabeth Vauss his lauchfull dochter, and als the said elisabeth for hir self, on that ane part, and Johne schaw of sornebeg for him self on the vther part, in maner, forme, force, and effect, as efter followis: That is to say the said Johne schaw of sornebeg sall, godwilling, marie, and to his lauchtfull wyif haif, the fornameit elisabeth,

and sall solempintlie compleit the band of Mariage with hir conforme to the ordour of the kirk betuix the dait heirof and the Tuentie day of Maij nixtocum but[1] langer delay: And in lyikmaner the said Johne schaw of sornbeg bindis and oblissis him, his airis, and assignis, be his charter and seseing followving thairvpone in dew and competent forme, conteneand all claussis of warrandyce neidfull, dewlie and sufficientlie to infeft the said elisabeth in hir pure Virginitie, and befoir the compleiting of the said mariage, in lyifrent for all the dayis of hir lyiftyme in all and haill the said Johneis landis of polkemmet, extending to ane fyftie scheling Land or thairby, of auld extent, with thair pertinentis (etc., etc.); and lyikwayis in all and haill the corne Mylne of the landis abovewrittin, with the thirle multer[2] and suckin[3] of the samin, Lyand within the parochin of levingstoun and sherefdom of Linlithgow; And alsua in all and haill the said Johne schawis Tua merkland of nether Langsyd of auld extent with the pertinentis, lyand within the parochin of richartoun and sherefdome of air, To be hauldin, etc., etc. [Which lands, etc. John Shaw binds himself to make sure and free to his future spouse] fra all and sindrie wairdis, releueis, nonentress, ladyis terceis, coniunctfeis, Lyifrentis, annuall rentis, preuie seseingis euictioneis, recognitioneis, forfaltouris, bastardreis, disclamationes, inhibitioneis, decreitis, and fra all and sindrie vther accidentis and Inconuenientis quhatsumeuir that can fall on the saidis landis and mylne, or ony part thairof, for quhatsumeuir deid or occasione bygane or to cum (etc., etc.), and quhilk landis of polkemmet and Nather Langsyd with the Mylne foirsaid the said Johne schaw bindis and oblissis him and his foirsaidis to mak worth in yeirlie rent and profeit to the said elisabeth duiring hir Lyiftyme worth the sowme of fyve hunder merkis vsuall money of scotland (etc., etc.), and that in full contentatione to hir of hir full terce and coniunctfie of all landis that may ony wayis pertene to hir be deceis of the said Johne hir future spous quhen it sall happin. ffor the quhilk mariage to be compleittit as said

[1] Without.

[2] Thirle-multer, the duty to be paid by thirlage for grinding.

[3] Sucken, the duty paid at a mill.

is, and vtheris caussis abouewrittin, the said Ser patrick waus bindis and oblissis him, his airis executoris and assignis, to content, pay, and thankfully delyuer, to the said Johne schaw of sornebeg, his airis or assignis, the soume of Tua thowsand merkis money foirsaid in name of tochquhir at the termeis vnderwrittin, To wit the sowme of fyve hunder merkis money thairof vpone the secund day of februar, callit candilmes day nixtocum, and sicklyik yeirlie successiue vpone the secund day of februari the sowme of fyve hunder merkis ay and quhill the said sowme of Tua thowsand merkis money tochquhir foirsaid be compleitlie payit. And alsua the said elisabeth, with consent of the foirnameit Ser patrik hir father, be the tennour heirof acceptis the saidis landis of polkemmet and Nader langsyid with the milne foirsaid and thair pertinentis in full contentatione and satisfactione to hir of hir terce and coniunctfie; and now as than, and than as now, with consent foirsaid dischairgeis and quytclaimeis quhatsumeuir rycht terce of Landis that may fall to hir Throw deceis of the said Johne hir future spous quhen it sall happin ony maner of way. [Obligation to resign the lands for new infeftment.] And vnto euerie heid, article, and claus, abouewrittin ather partie bindis and oblissis thame and thair foirsaidis to keip and fulfill thair partis respectiue heirof to vtheris in the suirest maner; And sall eik, reforme, renew, and Inlarge, thir presentis to vtheris on thrie dayis wairning be ather partie sa oft, and how oft, as neid beis, ay and quhill the complenar be fully satisfeit in securitie of the premissis. [Clause of registration.] In witnes quhairof ather partie hes subscryveit thir presentis with thair handis Placeis dayis month and yeir of god respectiue abowewrittin Befoir thir witnessis at sornebeg hew wallace of carnell robert wallace his sone and apperand air william wallace minister of failfurd Johne craufurd of craufurdland george ros of haning, Mr peter primrose minister at M^{c}Lene[1] with robert aitkin notar with william wallace of brighous vitnes (sic subscribitur) Syr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroche knycht Johne schaw of sornbeg William Wallace of Brighous vitnes G. Ros of Hanyng as Witnes Hew Wallace of Carnell as

[1] Mauchline.

watnes Jhone craufurd of craufurdland vitnes Williame Wallace of Smyston vitnes Robert Wallace younger off Carnell as witnes Mr peter prymrose witnes Robert Aiken notar witnes.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st June 1593.

Rycht traist freind We greit yow hartlie weill. having deliberat that oure Parliament sall proceid god willing at the first day of July nixtocum, and writtin to oure estaitis preceislie to keip the said day, We will thairfoir desyre yow effectuuslie that ye faill nocht to be present at the same day, To gif your guid auise and assistance in sic materis as ar to be treated in our said parliament, As ye will declair your guid affectioun to our seruice and weill of our natiue cuntrie, and will do us acceptable pleaser. Thus we committ yow to almichtie god. At haliruidhous, the first day of Junij 1593,

James R.

To our traist freind
Ser Patrik waus of Barnbarroch knycht.

[In this Parliament, commissions were appointed "Anent the Cunzie," and "Anent the Ministeris stipendis," and of both of these Sir Patrick was a member. Extracts from the Acts here follow.]

1593. c. 31. Commissioun Anent the Cunyie.

The Kingis Ma^tie, and estatis of this present parliament, Gevis and grantis full pouer and commissioun to Sir thomas lyoun of avldbar, Knicht, thesaurair to our soverane lord, walter commendator of blantyre, lord privie seill, Eduard commendator of kinloss, M^r Robert Douglais, provest of lincluden, collectour generall, M^r Johnne lindsay, persoun of menmvre, S^r patrik waus of barnebarrauche, knicht, Alexander Hay of eister kennet, clerk of register, M^r Dauid m^cgill of cranstounriddell, aduocat to

souerane lord, Mr Dauid carnegie of culluthie, Johnne arnot, and henrie nysbit, burgesses of edinburgh, or ony sevin of thame coniunctlie, my lord thesaurair or his depute being alwayis ane of the sevin, to meit and convene togidder, quhen and quhair his hienes sall gif directioun, And thair to Consult, treat, and conclude, Anent the mater of the cunzie, presentlie current within the realme, etc.

1593. c. 45. Commissioun Anent the Ministeris Stipendis.

Similar to the above to Williame Erll of mortoun, Jon erll of mar, Sr thomas lyoun of auldbar, knicht, thesaurair to our souerane lord, walter commendater of blantyre, lord privie seill, alexander lord vrquhart, president of the college of iustice Edward commendater of kinross, Mr Robert douglais, provest of lincluden, collector generall, maister Johnne lindsay, persoun of menmvre, and Sr patrik waus of barbarrauche, knicht, or ony sevin of them coniunctlie, to convene at syc tyme and place as the saidis commissioneris sall appoint among thame selfis, and thair to treat and confer how in quhat maner thair may be ane minister prouydit at ilk parroche kirk within this realme, and anent thair prouisioun To locall sufficient stipendis, etc., etc.

[In the same parliament an act was passed by which the King resumed possession of Patronages he had given away, with certain exceptions, amongst which were the four held by Sir Patrick Waus.]

1593. Acta Parliamentorum Jacobi VI. (vol. iv., 29a), anent new infeftments with richt of patronage.

Oure Souerane Lord and estaitis of this parliament Considdering how his hienes hes bene grytumlie circumvenit in granting of new infeftmentis To sindrie personis of thair landis Including thairwith be thair importune sute the aduocation donation and richt of patronage of dyuerss kirkis and benefices Quhilk neuer pertenit to thame of befoir bot to his maiesties presentatioun Specialie quhair the personis prouidit thairto is

yit in lyff [etc., etc.]. For remeid quhairof our souerane lord and estaitis foirsaidis . . . be the tennour heirof decernis and declaris all sic infeftmentis grantit in tymes bypast or to be grantit in tymes cuming be his hienes Contenand the gift and dispositioun of the richt of ony patronage aduocatioun and donatioun of benefice quhilk pertenit of befoir to his hienes [etc., etc.] salbe in all tymes cuming null and of none avail force nor effect [etc., etc., etc.], and the said richt of patronage of the saidis benefices to returne to his hienes [etc., etc.], but preiudice alwayes of the saidis infeftmentis anent the remanent landis thairin contenit quhilk sall remane in the awin strenth and effect. Reservand alwayes to the kingis maiestie libertie to except sic out of this act as he sall deliuer to the clerk of register within aucht dayis efter the dait heirof. According to the quhilk reseruation his maiestie exceptit furth and frome the said act The infeftmentis grantit be his hienes to the personis efter following: These are Walter Prior of Blantyre, in favor and to the behoof of Ludouik Duke of Lennox, Earl Darnley, Lord Torboltoun, Methven and Aubigny, John Lord Invermaith, Andrew Lord Stewart of Ochiltree, John Lord Thirlestane, Umquhile James master of Sinclair, Alexander Lord of Spynie, Sir Robert Meluill of Murdocarney, Sir John Cockburn of Ormeistoun, Sir William Keith of Delnies, John Levingstoun younger of Donipace, Sir Patrick Vaus of Barnebarrauche knicht "of the landis and barony of Barnebarrauche lyand within the sheriffdome of Wigtoun with the aduocation donatioun and richt of patronage of the kirkis of kirkynner, kirkcowane, cammanell, and vigtoun," David McGill of Cranstounriddell aduocat to oure souerane Lord, John Stewart Sheriff of Bute, Sir Walter Ogilvy, Sir David Lindsa of Edyell, John Hay of Urie, Alexander Fraser of Phillorth, Patrick Mowett of Buquhollie, and George Sinclair of Maii.

Receipt by WILLIAM GORDON, Craiglaw, "Guidson" to LADY BARNBARROCH, 28th May 1593.

I, William Gordoun of Crachlaw grantis me to haif resaveit fra my guidmother the Ladie Barnbarroche the sowme of thret-

teine hundrethe and fourscoir merkis money, and that in part of payment of ane thowsand pundis money for my tocher of the quhilk sowme of xiij hundret and four scoir merkis money aboue wryttin I hald me weill content and payit and quytclameis and dischargeis the said Ladie Barnbarroche and all vther quhome effeiris be this my discharge subscryveit with my hand at Barnbarroche the xxviij day of Maij 1593 yeris befoir thir witnes Johne Kennedy in Barquhony William M^{c}Ke in Lybrek and Thomas Kennedy in Kerybroyne with vtheris dyvers.

(signed) Williame Gordon of Crauchlaw w^{t} my

[The contract of this marriage has not been found, but as the tocher Sir Patrick gave his daughters up to October 1591 was 1000 merks, and in March 1592-3 he gave 2000 merks, and in 1594 £1000,—it is probable this marriage took place in 1592 or 1593. The bride's name has not been preserved.]

Letter from WILLIAM M^{c}CLELLANE of Auchlein to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d August 1593. [Holograph.]

Jesus.

My Lord efter me verie hartlie commendatioun and seruice, forsamekle as I delywerit to williame mvre the xii of this instant twelscoir pundis monie, all in gold, to have bein delywerit to your (l) befoir your (l) cuming of the town, quhilkis, as god sall juge me, I luikit your (l) had resauit aye quhill I resauit your (l) anser, alwayes I maist hvmelie crave your (l) pardone, for, as god sall juge me, I did quhat I wes able. alwayes me gudsone, Jhone broun, come heir this Last woddynsdaye, and samekle as I resauit thairof abake agane It will pleis your (l) to resave, quhilkis is alevin scoir pundis to me gude comptt. and as to the rest, I sall provyde it schortlie with goddis (g) to your (l) contentment, and geve thingis frame with me that I have in hand, I sall se your (l) with goddis (g) peyit, or ellis satisfeit of your (l) haill sowme befoir martingmes, for geve I culd amend it, or your (l) war offendit with me I had rather sell the best

Landis I have. ffarder your (l) sall wit that the Laird of garthland is addettit to ws twa yeris dewteis of his kirk of kirkcum,[1] quhilkis extendis to twa hundreth and xvi merkis, and I have wryttin to him for the samyn with this beirrare; and becaus I vnderstand he will the rather anser me for your (l) Letter, I man dyssyre your (l) to wryte ane letter with this beirrare vnto hym, and dyssyre hym ather to anser the beirrare, or vthirwyes to appoint quhat vthir daye he plessis, and to send it with ane of his awin, togyether with ane discharge, and we sall subscryve it, and geve he dowttis of ony thing, I sall send hym catioun in the rennis,[2] for his relieve. I am informit your (l) is to be in the kenmore schortlie, and geve your (l) wald make me foirsein of your (l) dyett, I wald meitt your (l) thair. swa with me hartlie commendatioun of seruice to me Ladie, to nixt occatioun, I commit your (l) to the almythe. Auchlein, the xxiij of august 1593.—Youris (l) eime at powar and seruice,

wia^{m} M^{c}clellane of auchlein.

I praye your (l) be nocht offendit that your (l) wes disapointit be me at this tyme, for it wes sair aganis my will. for that same daye your (l) come outt of the town william mvre come to it or[3] twa efter none and I luikit your (l)suld nocht have cumin awaye quhill woddynsdye, as your (l) had wontt to do.

To the rycht honorable and his eime me (L)
of barnebarathe geve this.

Acquittance by JOHN YOUNG, Minister of Longcastle, for the Teinds of the Parsonage and Vicarage of Longcastle, 23d October 1593. [Holograph.]

I, Jon young, minister at Mochrum and longcastel, be the tenour heirof grantis me to haf resavit fra the handis of the rycht hono^{ll} Ser patrik waus of barnbarroche the Sowm of fourte acht libis Mone, and that for the teindis of the vicarage and parsonage of longcastel, of the crop and yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} four scoir xii yeiris quhairof I grant me veill content and payit, and of all wther

[1] Kirkcolm. [2] Rhinns (of Galloway). [3] Before.

yeiris preceding the dait heirof, be this my acquittans, subscryvit with my hand at barnbarroche, the xxiii day of oktober 1593.

Jon Young minister at longcastel,
with My hand

Endorsed—Johne Yovngis acquitance of parsonage and vicarag of longcastel anno 1592.

[Is this the same John Young who wrote a letter as minister of Wigtoun on 21st September 1582, and who was named by the Laird of Garlies as having been dangerously wounded on 19th May 1587, and in whose favour, as Minister of Beith, the Master of Eglinton wrote on 23d May 1591?

Barnbarroch sat in Parliament on 17th December and 18th January following.]

Letter from MARGARET LYON, LADY HAMILTON, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 4th March 1593-4.

Rycht honorable and maist speciall freind, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun, I thank yow richt hartlie for the painis ye haue tane. I am verie glaid It is come to this point, for my lord I assuir yow is as earnest as I am to haue my securities exped, for we ar, god willing, to pas to anguiss[1] the nixt oulk,[2] and I haue nocht vill that we gaing furth of this cuntrie quhill that matter be Endit, seing my lord Is sa weill villing: for tyme ye knaw may alter monye things. I haue ressawit your letter, quhairby I persaue your opinioun, and that ye think It is sufficient aneuch that my awin name be In the Euidentis, bot I am effrayit that sal nocht be sa guid as be ane mediat persoun. alvyiss, as ye haue begun, sa I man earnestlie requeist yow to follow furthe, and, hauing M^r^ Jhone schairp, M^r^ Jhone Skein with yow, that ye tak pains to speak my lord chancellar, and tak his advyss In this lykvyiss. I haue vrettin to my brother[3] that ye may advyss vith him. Referring the rest to your discretioun, with credit to the berar, I commit yow to the pro-

[1] Angus. [2] Week. [3] Thomas Lyon, Master of Glammis.

tectioun of god. from kinneill, the 4 of marche 1593.—Your assurit guid freind at power,

Margarit lyonn.

[Address torn of.]

Letter by ALEXANDER GORDON of Balcray to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 22d June 1593. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter meist hertlie commendatioun of service, your (l) sall resaue the suspentioun betuix the lard of garleis and your (l), quhilk was execute the xvi day of this Instant at his dwelling place of glastoun; officiar Jhone M^c^kedie, witnes watie m^c^gill, my man, Jhone dixsoun the lardis m^r^ cuik, and Jhone angus his corriur,[1] that winnis[2] his stanes. I maid Intimatioun of the samin to the provest of lincluden,[3] bot ye sall indorse vpon him, as gif ye var summoundit at his chalmer in edinbroche. I maid Intimatioun in lyk maner of the said suspentioun to Machirmoir. as to the summoundis of removeing, and your summoundis of reductioun, I omit that quhill my outcuming, quhilk wilbe wythin ten or xii dayis. ffarder your (l) sall wit I spak wyth the lard of bombie[4] anenttis your (l) turnes, quhome I find mindit to end vyth your (l) anenttis the vodset. he assuris me that the guidman of culnachtie hes offerit him out of skellarie xxx bollis vittuall, sua he sall maik etoun to be worthe sax scoir bollis vittuall presentlie, and as to Jhone dumbar and thomas m^c^clelland, he will vse the law aganis thame. he thinkis this matter can nocht end betuix your (l) and him quhill your (l) incuming in the cuntray. will nocht wryt farder in this matter to your (l) quhill my outcuming, at the quhilk tyme I sall haif farder of his mynd thairanent. and god preserue your (l). off barnebarrache, the xxii of Junii.—Your (l) servitor at his vttermest power,

Alex^r^ gordon apperand off balcray.

To my werray guid lord and maister
my lord of barnebarrache delyuer this.

[1] Quarrier.
[2] Gets by labour.
[3] Mr Robert Douglas.
[4] M'Clelland.

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAND of Bomby to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My Lord, efter my warie hartlie commendatioun, fforsamekill as I am informit be my ffrend, william mcclellane, that ye haif bein ane specialll freind wnto him in becuming cationar ffor him in the bessiness betuix the maister of levestoun and him, ffor the quhilk cawis I am graitlie adettit to your (l), and sall be reddie to plesor your (l) with als graitt cowrtasie, geif ye will charge me. As allsua he hes travellitt ware[1] ernistlie with me anent the excambing of certane landis betux your (l) and me, quhilk thing I is willane cum to pas, geif swa be your (l) will mak me as guid as my awin;[2] thairfoir I think it meitt, geif your (l) laser may sereff,[3] that ye and I meitt att bardrocheid wpone setterday nixt at twelf houris, that we may confer vpone that purpois our selfis; and geif your (l) may nocht meitt, that ye will aduerteis me be your letter with this berare, and geif your (l) laser may sereff[3] to meitt, thair neidis na adwertisement. Swa till our meiting I commit yow to god. kirkcudbrycht, this vodnisday at evin. I pray yow haif me hartle commendit to my antt, your bedfallow.—Youris eme at hes vter pouar, Bomby.

To his ware speciall Eyme my lord of barnbarroche.

Letter probably from an AGENT in Kirkcudbright, 23d October 1593.

My lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun of seruice, I ressauit your (l) lettir And acording thairto hes maid your charter of etoun, quhilk your (l) sall ressaue seallit and subscryuit. Bot as to contene thairin pit and gallous,[4] The lard culd not do sa,

[1] Very. [2] If your Lordship will give me land of equal value to my own.

[3] Leisure may serve.

[4] "Pit and gallows. A privilege conferred on a baron, according to our old laws, of having on his ground a pit for drowning women, and gallows for hanging men, convicted of theft" (*Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary*). The right to use this feudal privilege was falling into disuse; still Sir Patrick seems to have claimed

Becaus it is nocht in his awin chartir, ffor I maid it Just conforme to his originall charter thairof, Bot at your (l) being in ed^r The lard will mak your (l) sufficient richt thairto, for he hes it be bailyearre, and will constitute yow bailye depute to that effect. Ressaue als the extract of your (l) contract, and your instrument of seasing in the annual rent out of the gretnayes. Your (l) neidit nocht to haif send me sic payment, for I wald do quhat I can to plesser your (l) but[1] payment, for quhen I haif ado I will be hamelie with your (l). This to your (l) nixt occasioun, committis your (l) to god. off kirkcudbycht the xxiij of october 1593.—Your (l) to be commandit with service.

[The address and signature are cut off, but this is written in the same handwriting as the next letter.]

Letter from THOMAS M'CLELLAND of Bomby to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 23d October 1593.

My lord, efter my very hartlie commendationis, Pleis your (l) ressaue the reuersionis of etoun, viz. twa reuersionis grantit be archebald mure, albeit I vndirstude it hade bene in ane reuersioun, another reuersioun be the lard blairquhan.[2] And as for sorbeis[3] reuersioun, it is nocht yit maid, bot the contract is registrat in the commisseris bukis of vigtoun, And he will subscryue ane reuersioun gif it neid. Ressaue your charter, and as to include pit and gallous thairin, I can nocht, becaus I am nocht sa infeft my self, Bot in Edin^r I sall satefie yow in that point. I will haif my reuersionis subscryuit be yow afoir ye pas to ed^r I culd nocht presentlie send thame to yow for haist, as also ye man be seasit afoir the reuersionis be subscryuit. nocht ellis, bot with my hartlie commendationis to my ant, your vyfe, commitis yow to god. Off kirkcudbricht, the xxiij of october 1593.—Your (l) at his pouar,

Bomby.

To the rycht hono^ll my lord of Barnbarrocht.

his rights, although this was a mortgage transaction, and the land was conveyed to him only in security.

[1] Without. [2] Kennedy of Blairquhan. [3] Ahannay of Sorbie.

Letter from Mr Turner, Commissary, to the Laird of Barnbarroch, Friday 1593. [Holograph.]

My Lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun of seruice, I marvell meikill that your (l) dois direct wrytingis to vtheris concerning your lordschip effairis, and nocht vnto me, seing that thair salbe nane that sall do thame with better will, nor greitar diligence, nor sall I, as weill in your lordschipis absence as presence. Quhairfoir it will pleis your lordschip in tyme cumming to charge na vther bot me in matteris that I am abill to do, vnto sic tyme as I sall refuiss; and than baythe your lordschip and I sall Justlie think that I haue nocht done my dewtie, according as I had occasioun. ffor assure your lordschip that thair salbe na turne that your lordschip sall have to do, be it contrair quhatsumeuer, bot I sall be alss riddie to do my indevoir as ony that takis your (l) meit and fie; for I can tyne na thing bot that quhilk it pleisit your (l) to help me to: And thairfoir I pray your (l), gif ony makis yow to belieue vtherwayis, belieue thame nocht quhill your (l) sie the contrair, and than declair it to my self. syndrie bysines, and the foulnes of the wedder, hes bene ane lat vnto me to cum vnto your (L). I have gevin to this beirar ane summondis of aithe aganeis william houstoun, with twa summondis of instance; your registereit tak of the teindis of quhithorne is extractit, and in riddines, persew quhan ye will. I wist nocht quhill this morneing that your (l) had wrytin sa oftentymeis for summondis. Nocht ellis, Bot makand my hartle commendatioun of service to your (l is ladie, committis your (l) to god. frome Wigtoun, this fryday, 1593—Youris L seruitair at power to be commandit, Wme turner Commissar.

To the rycht worschipfull and my speciall
Lord my Lord of Barnebarrocht.

Letter from the King to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 3d August 1594.

Trustie and weilbelouit consallour We greitt yow hartlie weill.

The tyme of the solempnitie of the Baptisme now schortlie approching, Requisit it is that a lytill befoir our consall be convenit, and present with ws heir, for our better accumpaneyng, and thair gud avyss and opinioun to be had in all thingis belanging that turne, tuiching ws sa neirlie in honour and weill. We have thairfoir thocht gud effecteouslie to desyr yow That ye faill nocht to be heir at ws vpon tysday cum aucht dayis, the xiii day of this instant, for the effect forsaid, as ye will do ws acceptabill plesour and service. Sa we committ yow to god. frome sterling, the thrid of August 1594.

James R.

To our trustie and weilbelovit counsallour the Laird of Barnbarrow ane of the Senatouris of our colledge of Justice, etc., etc.

Marriage Contract between William Houstoun of Cottreoch and Catherine Waus, 28th August 1594.

At Barnbarrache the twentie aucht day of august the yeir of god 1^{m} v^{c} fourscoir and fourtein yeiris, it is appointit, agreit, contractit, and finalie endit, betuix the rycht honourabill Sir patrik waus of barnbarrache knycht, ane of the senatouris of our souerane lordis college of Justice, for him self and takand the burding on him for katherein waus his lauchtful dochter on the ane part, and villiam houstoun elder of cottreoche for him self, and takand the burding on him for villiam houston his lauchtful sone and apperand air on the vther part, in maner, forme, and effect, as followis: That is to say the said villiam houstoun youngar, godvilling, sall compleit the band of mariage and matrimonie in face of haly kyrk with the said katherein waus betuix the day and dait heirof and the feist of alhallowmess nixtocum: And the said villiam houstoun eldar sall before the compleiting of the said mariage infeft and seis the said villiam his sone and apperand air forsaid, and the said katherein waus, in coniunctinfeftment, the langar leyffar of thame twa [etc., etc.] in all and haill the equall ane half of the fyve merkland of cotcloy wyth mansioun dwelling place, yardis and pertinentis thairaff, lyand vythin the parochin of quhithern,

barrony of bysbe, and sherefdome of vigtoun; And siclyk sall infeft and seis the said villiam, and katherein his futur spous, the langar leyffar of thame twa, and thairis abouewritin as said is, in all and haill ane annuellrent of ane hundreth merkis gude and vsuall money of this realme, yeirlie to be vplyftit be thame, and tane furth of all and haill the vther equall half of the saidis Landis of cotcloy vyth the pertinentis, lyand as said is, at twa termes in the yeir, vitsonday and merteimes in vynter, be equall portionis, and that in full satisfactioun and contentatione to the said katherein of hir coniunctfie: To be haldin of the said villiam his ayris and assignais, the said katherein payand the few mailes of the said equall half of the saidis land and annuell rent forsaid, safer as sall pertene to hir part thairof, to the said villiam and his forsaidis, gyfe it salhappin hir said futur spous to deceiss before hir. And sall entir the said villiam and his futur spous in the reall and actuall possessioun and occupying of the ground of the said ane half of the saidis landis of cotcloy, wyth the pertinentis respectiue abouewritin, at michaelmes nixtocum in this instant yeir of gode. And siclyk sall entir and posses the said villiam his sone forsaid in the reall and actuall possessioun and occupying allanerlie of the vther half of the saidis landis of cotcloy, vyth the pertinentis, quhairin he sall nocht be infeft and sesit; And sall deliuer to him the oxin and seid, quhilk salhappin to be vpon the ground thairof, at the feist and terme of vitsonday nixtocum, in the yeir of gode j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir and fyfteyne yeiris, to be vsit and disponit vpon to his awin vse during his said fatheris Lyftyme. Attour the said villiam houstoun of cottreoch bindis and oblessis him to the said Sir patrik, and to the said villiam his sone and apperand air forsaid, that he sall nather dispone annalie[1] nor provide ony of the landis of cottreoch, cotcloy, the maroche and myln of bysbe, or ony part thairof respectiue forsaidis, to ony vther of his bayrnis, gottin or to be gottin, nor to na vther persone, fra the said villiam his apperand air forsaid, And sall nocht defraude him of the said landis, or ony part thairof, extending to ten pund landis; Except it salbe lesum[2] to the said villiam houstoun

[1] Alienate. [2] Lawful.

elder of cottreoch to infeft and seis his futur spous, gif it sal-happin him to marye heireftir, in alsmekle land for hir lyftyme as his fyrst vyfe vas infeft in for her lyftyme allanerlie. ffor the quhilkis causis the said Sir patrik waus of barnbarrach, knycht, bindis and oblessis him, his ayris and assignais, to infeft and seis be charter and seising maid in dew and competent forme titulo oneroso, contenand all claussis of varrandice generall and speciale, the said villiam houstoun elder of cottreoch, his ayris and assignais, in all and haill ane annuall rent of ane hundreth pundis gude and vsuall money [of this] realme, yeirlie to be vpliftit and tane be [the said] villiam and his [forsaidis] furth off all and haill the said Sir patrik his fyve merk landis of prestorie, or ony part thairof, vith the pertinentis of the samen, lyand vythin the parochin of quhithern and sherefdome of vigtoun, at twa termes in the yeir, vitsonday, and merteimes in vynter, be equall portionis, To be haldin of the said Sir patrik his ayris and assignais in fre blanche for payment of ane penny yeirlie in name of fre blanche vpon the ground of the saidis landis at the feist and terme of vitsonday, gif it be askit allanerlie; And sall varrand the said annuel rent of aue hundretht pundis money forsaid to the said villiam houstoun and his forsaidis fre fra all vardis, relyffis, nonentress, recognitionis, purprestouris, forfaltouris, alienationis, dispositionis, lyfrentis, coniunctfeis, ladeis terceis, annuell rentis, impositionis, taxationis, repossessionis, vtheris sesing privat or publict, and fra all vther dangeris and inconuentientis, alsweill nocht namit as namit, present, bygane, and tocum quhatsumeuir, quhilk may stoip or impeid the payment of the said annuell rent, Beginnand the fyrst termes payment thairof, videlicet fyftye pundis money forsaid, at the feist and terme of vitsonday nixtocum in the yeir of gode j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir and fyftyne yeiris; The secund termes payment, videlicet ane hundreth pundis money abouevritin, at vitsonday nixt thaireftir in the yeir of gode i^{m} v^{c} fourscoir and saxtene yeiris: And swa furth yeirlie and termlie at twa termes in the yeir be equall portionis, videlicet fyftye pundis at the terme, ay and quhill the lauchtfull redemptioun of the samin be payment of ane thowsand pundis money forsaid to the said

villiam houstoun eldar of cottreoch, his ayris and assignais, in name of tochir vyth the said katherein.[1] [After further provisions for the payment of the tocher, and interest on it till paid,] the said Sir patrik binds and oblessis him his ayris and assignais to intertene the said villiam houstoun youngar and his futur spous honestlie and sufficientlie as effeiris for the space of ane yeir next efter the completing of the said mariage: And geif it sall pleis thame to remane at hayme and nocht to pas to edinburgh vyth the said Ser patrik in that cais he sall content and pay thair chargis quhair it salhappin thame to be on buyrding for the space of ane yeir forsaid. Attour the said Sir patrik bindis and oblessis him and his forsaidis that he sall caus the tennentis of prestorie forsaid presentlie becum actit vyth him coniunctlie and seueralie in the commissaris buykis of vigtoun for the yeirlie payment of the said annuell rent as is abouewrittin; And in cais of remoyffing of ony of the saidis tennentis he sall caus the intrantis to be actit as said is toties quoties. [Clause of Registration.] In vitness quhairof bayth the saidis parteis heis subscruyit this present vith thair handis as followis day, yeir, and place forsaidis before thir vitnessis thomas kennedye in kerinbrwne villiam m^{c}crystein apperand of monkhyll thomas waus william nisbet seruitouris to the said Sir patrik (sic subscribitur) Syr patk Waus off BArnbarrache kny^{t} Willame Houstoun of Cottrouche.

Letter from James Makcartnay to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 5th August 1595.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendatioun with seruice, Pleis your (L) I haue obtenit lettres of dispensatioun, and charge contenit in the samyn, to charg thomas montgomerie, or ony other officer, to put my lettres of poinding and apprysing to executioun Aganis Johnne baillie, and malcolme baillie, for the wiolent occupatioun of my Landis of arborg of the yeiris of god j^{m} 5^{c} four scoir threttein and four scoir fourtein yeiris; extending to proffeit of the sawing ilk yeir of thrie scoir ten bollis aittis,

[1] The interest fixed in the preceding clause is ten per cent.

estemit to the thrie corne extending in ane yeir to ten scoir ten bollis aittis, and in twa yeiris xxi scoir bollis aittis; pryce of the boll with the foddir xxx s, the sawing of x bollis of beir in ane yeir to the ferd corne extending to xl bollis, and in twa yeiris to four scoir bollis; pryce of the boll with the fodder iiij markis. The pasturing of fiftye sowmes of all kynd of gudes; pryce of the sowmes wes v s, extending in ane yeir to the sowme of xii lb x s, twa yeir xxv lb; and for expenssis of pley x lb. Quhilkis sowmes being calculat togidder Extendis in the haill to the sowme of fourtein hundreth sevin markis vi s viii d[1]. I think this may pryss the haill Landis of craigilmene. Als I haue obtenit Lettres of poynding and apprysing Aganis the saidis Johnne and Malcolme for apprysing of the saidis landis of craigilmene, And hes gevin to James montgomerie ane memorial to vse the ordour of comprysing; And gif your (l) purpoissis to have the foirsaidis Landis of craigilmene to cum in your awin handis, ye man send sum of your serwandis with the said thomas to knaw him the saidis landis of craigilmane and arborg, and to summond thame personallie, or at thair duelling places, and at the mercat croce of wigtoun. Tha serwandis of youris man be witnessis to him. I desyrit thame to be summond to heir and sie the apprysing led in Ed[r] heir vpoun the fourt day of september nixtocum becaus it wilbe the quyetest tyme to leid the proces heir, and to have it godwilling past throw the seillis or[2] the lordis sit doun. And gif your (l) pleissis to send ane or twa of your awin serwandis to cum heir to this toun at the foirsaid fourt day of september to heir and sie that day the ordour of the comprysing led, and thay to be fordorers and informeris of ane pairt of the inqueist, quhilk is I think to summond in this toun, I feir thair sall na man cum out of your countrey to keip that day except your (l) send of your awin folkis and freindis to cum heir at that day. I will summond all thame that duellis in this toun that was vpoun your awin inqueist, and certane vtheris, Bot your (l) serwandis man informe thame. Swa I commit the haill mater to your (l) awin help and deligence, to be helpit thairin to your (l) awin proffeit and myne; And

[1] This calculation makes the value of the merk 12s. 2d.

[2] Before.

your (l) anser herein efter my hartlie commendationis to your gud lady, to Johnne your sone, and to the rest of your famelie. Swa committis yow to the keiping of the almichtie god. Off edr, this fyft day of August 1595.—Your (l) awin seruand to be commandit, James makcartnay.

To the richt honorable and my maist speciall
Schir patrik Wass of barnbarroch Knycht.

Letter from JAMES MUIR, Bailie of Mochrum, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 9th December 1595. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter maist hartlye and humbill commendatioun of seruice, Pleiss your L wit that the tutor of craichlaw obtenit decreit aganis me off spulzeatione of the doun casteing of the hous of the clone, and avay taiking of the timer[1] of the said houssis, as he alegis only In my contumassye, be caus I durst nocht comepeir, the Lard off garleis thane being present In the toun of wigtoun, and now he hes gevin me ane charge to mak payment of the said sownes of mony within xv dayis wndir the pane of poynding; and now, seing he is off mynd to trubill me only vpon his invent of falsat, as your (l) may persaif be this coppy of the charge, quhilk your (l) will pleis resaiff; Quhairfoir I am to dissyr your (l) to adwyss vpon the samen, and other get the charge suspendit, or ellis to raiss letteris of reductioun, that I may get the decreit reducit, the quhilk I vill praye your (l) do vpoun avin expenssis, and that to be done with deligens, that I may be quit of this cumer. and as anenttis your (L) avin particularis, quhilk I haif in hand, I salbe als diligent as I can, bot trewlye, my Lord, thai ar very slaw in peyment maiking; yit I sall do als gret diligens as I can in the meintyme. I feir the minister hes mellit with the Lxxxx,[2] Lxxxxi, Lxxxxii, Lxxxxiii, and with the maist part of the Lxxxxiiii, and trevlye, my lord, sene he hes done sa, I am of mynd bot to se thir dischargit, and to lat the samen rest in thair handis quhill I get your (l) aduertisment. haifing na farder, bot referis the rest to

[1] Timber. [2] Meddled or dealt with the teinds of the year 1590, etc.

your L wisdome, and the lord preserue In guid helth. of vigtoun, the ix of December, 1595 yeirss, be your (l) avin seruand, James Mr (muir) balze of Mochrum.

To the Richt honorabill and his speciall guid Lord Sir patrik waus of barnebarroch knycht and ane of the lordis of the kingis collegis of Justice.

Order by the KING to attend the Trial of the Lairds of Dunipace, Airth, and Others, for the Slaughter of David Forrester, 19th December 1595.[1]

Rex.

Mr Johnne Lyndesay of menmure, and patrik Vauss of barnbarrow, senatouris of our college of Justice. It is our will, and we command yow, That ye be present as assessouris with our Justice the morne, the xx day of December instant, at the day of law appointit to the lairdis of donypace, and airth younger, and certane vtheris, for the slauchter of vmquhile David Forrestar. As ye will anser to us thairapoun quhairanent thir presentis salbe your warrand. Subscriuit with our hand At halyruidhouss, the xix of december 1595.

James R.

Contract to end the Feud between WILLIAM LORD HERRIS and JOHN GORDON of Lochinvar, 1595.

Thir ar the heidis mwtuailie aggreit wpon be the richt honor-

[1] On the 24th June 1595, David Forester, a bailie of Stirling, and a special servant of the Earl of Mar, was waylaid and killed by John Livingstone, younger of Dunipace, and John Bruce, younger of Airth, in revenge for an injury done to Bruce by another Forester. Mar assembled his friends, to the number of two thousand, including many barons, and the murdered man was buried with great pomp on the 12th July. He demanded that the murderers should be brought to justice, and their friends assembled in great numbers. After the failure of the king's attempts to reconcile the parties, and many delays, a day of law was fixed for the 20th December, when Mar was ready to proceed with his accusation ; but the king then persuaded him to defer it till the third day of the assize, which was in effect to desert it.—*Colville's Letters in loco. Hist. James VI.*, p. 247.

abillis wilzem Lord heriss and Sir Johne gordown of lochinwar, knicht.

In the first william lord heris promessis that he sall ether causs eduard maxwell of tinwald, his sonis pertie, and pert-takeris, to content aud pay to the Rycht hono[ble] Sir Jhone gordone of lochinvar the sowme of ane thowsand pund betuix and the day of ,[1] in the yeir of god foir scoir fyvetin, and that for the wrangis done to him and his frendis; and in speciale for the burning of barnehowrie, spulzein of butill, and bvrning of bratho, in pairt of satisfaction thairof; and farder as discrett freindis, newtrale chossin for thame baith, sall modefie farther nor the foirsaid sowme. And in caise of the said eduard and his bairnis refusall of this me lordis will and conttentment, than, and in that case, the said nowbill lord promesses trewlie that he sall simplisiter discharge him self of all farder frendschip or guidwill with the said eduard and his foirsaidis ay and quhill thir premisses be observit, and sall concur with the laird in thair contrairis, as Law and frendscip requiris.

Secundlie the said Sir Jhone gordone promessis trewlie that he sall causs William maxwell in drumcowtrane offir ane honor-abill offir to edward maxwell and his bairnis for the vnhapie slachtir of his vmquhile sone; and in case the said offiris beis nocht fond rasonabill and sufficient be the sycht of freindis newtrale chossin, that than, and in that case of the said williamis refusall of agmentting and fulfillin of farder offiris and satisfac-tioun as frendis thinkis gud, the said Sir Jhone promessis ethir to causs the foirsaidis offir be fowit[2] as freindis appoyntis, or ellis discharge him self of furdar meintynens of him in tyme cuming.

Thridlie the said Sir Jhone gordone promessis that he sall causs robert maxwell of nether redik to stand and abyd to eduard maxwell of tinwald and his bairnis the vnkyndlie takin and possession of landis of bratho, and repair and mend the same as newtrale frendis thinkis gud; and, in case of the said robertis refusall, the saidis Sir Jhone promessis to discharge

[1] Blank in original.

[2] Filled, *i.e.*, made sufficient.

him self of the said robert, and sall heve na thing ado with thame in tyme cumin; Provyding that the said eduard and his bairnis byd the lyk wrang and vnkyndness to the said robert of siklyk as he can chauleing[1] him with.

ffourthe all other actionis that ether of thair saidis frendis can burden vther with, outher be bluid or geir, they sall byd the Jugment of frendis, and quha refussis thay salbe baith in his contrair; and in speciale Jhone rodik blud, and Jhone gordon of ardis land and geir. farther it sall be lesum to ethir of thame and thair frendis to giff in clames as ples, quhilk salbe sufficient.

Fyvftlie the foirsaid William lord heris, and the said Sir Jhone gordone, sall concur and assit vther in all thair honest caussis aganeins quhame sa ever, quhilk do ethir of thame wrang, the attorratie beand except; and the said Sir Jhone sall concur with him in executing of his office.

Robert Maxwell witness. herys.
George Heris[2] of tarraucht witness. lochinwer.
John Maknauht witnes.
Jhone lyndesay wetnes.
James chal[r] of gaitgyrthe[3] vitness.
David maxwell witness.

[There is no date to this contract, but the money was to be paid in 1595. William, Lord Herries, succeeded to that title in 1594, and both he and Sir John Gordon died in 1604.]

Letter from Thomas Kennedy of Bargany to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 11th January 1595-6.

My Lord, efter my hertlie commendatioune, Sen my Last letter writtin to yow I persave this mater of your L and Adam Hogis, tuiching the richt of this Reuersioun of Lybreck, hes bein ressonnit be Mr Jhone Scharpe for your L, And Mr Johne Russell for Adam hog; And quhat ye haue said aganis the

[1] Challenge.
[2] Herris of Terrauchty.
[3] Chalmers of Gaitgyrthe, now Gadgirth.

richtis propoinit be Adam hogis procuratour ye wat. I say na mair, bot tyme will try quhat may thocht thairof. Alwayis, gif ye pleis, yit as of befoir I am content, and Adam Hog baithe, that thir fyive Lordis of the Sessioun decern vpone the caus betuixt yow; To Wit the President the Justice clerk, the Secriter, Mr James Elphingistoun and Mr Thomas Hamiltowne, gif ye aggrie heirto, Adam Hog and I for my consent hes subscryuit a commissioun to thir Lordis to desyde in this caus. Ainis[1] ye wer content with this, and promeist the same, And gif ye lyick nocht to byid at that your promeis, I haue nathing to bind yowe thairto bot your word. Keip as ye pleis, gif ye change this purpois, yit we salbe content the mater cum in summerlie befoir the haill Lordis but[2] dyet or Table, Provyding that I be adverteist be yowe that this Is the way ye best lyick of. Bot I will desyir yow that ye will continew the samyn quhill the fyiftein day of februar, quhilk salbe the Langest and Last day that I sall desyir the continewatioune of; bot that the same In this Sessioun may tak end as Law will. And, gif I had nocht bene impedieit with the pane of the Colick that trowbles me, I wes a gaitward[3] to haue keipit the fyiftein day of this moneth to the effect foirsaid, and sen I am impedieit be this occasioun, and vther great caussis togidder, I traist ye will nocht vss me with that vncurtesie as to refuis my requeist in this mater. And seing this that Ilk I desyir Is nather prejudice to your richt, nor hurt to your profeit, I will nocht Luik for your refuis in my sa reasonable requeist. Alwayis I Luik for this mekle, that quhill I haue your anser heirintill, and fyvetein dayis thaireftir, ye will graunt me ane ceasing fra ane farder persuit in this mater. And eftir your anser, quhat sa euir disapointment I haue in vther caussis, I sall cum to sie this mater tak sick effect ather be the sicht of thir Lordis that I haue writtin to yowe of, be the haill Lordis, or vtherwayis be freindis, sick as we sall aggrie vpone. I leave thir thingis to yow to considder vpone; waiting vpone your anser, and sa leaving you to godis guid protectioune Writtin frome bargany, and cum to the same fra ardstinchear this Sonday at nicht, the xi of this

[1] Ance, once. [2] Without. [3] *i.e.*, Going to travel.

instant Januar 1595.—Be your guid ffreind on the auld maneir Except ye mak the change quhilk I luik nocht for,

Bargany.

To the Richt hono^{ll} and my guid ffreind My Lord of Barnbarroch This be delyuerit.

Resolution for the Laird of Barnbarroch, in the matter of Lybreck, 19th February 1595-6.

We have obtenit ane decreit laitlie aganis Adame hog, be the quhilk the reuersioun is delyuerit to my Lord, as partie fundin to have the best rycht thairto, for oucht that the Lordis hes yit sene; And neuertheless Adame hog may be hard to quarrell this decreit at ane vther tyme, Becaus this decreit is gavin for noncomperance.

To avoid this inconveniens thay ar thir remeidis; ffirst to libell ane summond aganis Adam hog, To caus him compeir at ane day in the nixt sessione, to allege and propone all his rychtis quhairfoir this reversione sould apertene to him, with certificatione and[1] he failzie he sall nevir be hard heireftir, and that my lordis rycht to the said reversione salbe declarit aganis him als sufficient as giff the decreit had bene gevin, he comperand. The secund remeid To libell ane vther summond at the instance of my Lord, his spous, and sone, for productione of Adam hogis assignatione To be reducit, becaus the assignatione could nocht be maid vnto him, nocht being aire.

And in the same summond to call for productione and reductione of the apprysing, The obligatione maid of v^{m} libs be barnard farguson to barganie, The discharge of the same sowme purchest be hog To barnard fra Barganie of the said sowme, The obligatione maid be barnard to adam hog for x^{m} iii^{c} xl merkis, or vtherwyis as the apprysing beris, To be retrecit for the caussis convenit in vthir memoriall.

The therd remeid is to libell ane summond at the advocatis instance, and our awin, for improbatione of the apprysing; And

[1] An, if.

call in this summond for improbatione of the contract betuixt barganie and barnard farguson, And of the obligat maid be barnard fargusone To adam hog for that said sowme of x^m iii^c xl merk, and for productione of the sereffis precept, and the officeris endorsatione, and for production of the register quhairin this comprysing is contenit; And to heir and se the register in that part, with all the vther writtis particularlie abouewritten improvin As forgit, and fenyet, be adam hog, and george angus.

Receipt by ALEXANDER M'KIE of Two Reversions on Balsier, 28th March 1596.

I alex^r m^{c}kie of Balseir grantis me be the tenour heirof To have Resauit fra the rycht honoll Ser patrik Vauss of barnbarrach, knycht, ane reversioun, grantit be Robert gordoun, sone to vmquhile the gudman of barskeocht, to me for redemptioun of the landis of Balseir vpoun the sovme of fyve hundered markis; and siclyk ane vther reversioun, grantit to me be vmquhile richart stewart In Crocherie, for redemptioun of the saidis landis for the sovme of ane hunderd markis, as at mair lenth is contenit in the saidis reversiounis: And thairfoir dischargis the said Ser patrik thairoff, and bindis and oblissis me, my airis, exōris, and assignais, To fre, releiff, and keip skeythless the said Ser patrick, his airis, and assignais, of the samyn at all handis quhatsumewir be thir presentis, subscriwit with my hand at barnbarrach, the xxviii day of marche, the yeir of god 1^m v^c fourscoir sextene yeris, befoir thir witnessis, vchtrid m^{c}dowall of mondork, W^{am} m^{c}kie of berquhirne, and Wa^m nisbet, seruitour to the said Ser patrik, with sindrie vtheris,

I allex^r m^{c}kie in quhythillis with my hand.

William m^{c}kie witnes.

Wa^m nisbet witnes.

Letter from WILLIAM DUNBAR to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 12th May 1596. [Holograph.]

Eftir my hummell commendatiounis of seruece, Rycht honor-

abill and speciall mestir, your l sall wyt that I am eweill anserit of sindry of your l tennendis, in quhytherne,[1] glenluce, and wygtown, syk as Jhon m^c^comyne, that allegis wther promeciss vpoun your l wtherwayis nor your l schew to me, bot man rest to your l cumming in the cuntre; lykwayis Arthur breidfeit will nocht pay me na beir quill he be relewit of the act to William hwstoun, and thairfoir your l man wryt to him to anser me, for I haif nocht gottin abwne x bollis bere in the barronye of quhetterne[1] to my dispositioun this yeir, and abowt xxx bollis of meill. I will get na profeit this yeir, bot cummer and trewell,[2] and greit Inwy,[3] bot I taik na thocht of that, swa I dow with the help of god keip your l dayis of payment, and loiss na thing bot my cummer and pannes, hoiping for ane bettir anewther yeir. the men of Wigtoun will na wayis agre with me, bot bostis[4] to gif ouir the land gif I altir thame ony way; bot as for that part I sall forness tennendis, and[5] ony of thame gif oure the land, or ellis be tennand my self, and pay your l dewte; and alss thai sall rest to your l hame cumming, and be handilit at your l sycht. heirfor I pray your l maik na promes to make M^c^clune wther nor he hes, and he sall be wsit at your l sycht, for he wilbe crewing[6] it: tome m^c^krakene in glengory will nocht anser me, bot allegis he hes bocht his cornnes for tua merk and ane half the boll, quhilk gilbert belye declaris me is ane lesying.[7] I will mend that as lawe will, gif he dois it nocht wtherwayis: I sall wiss[8] your l hoggis as your l commandit, with all wther bessennes your l derekit. farther your l sall wyt that alex^r^ m^c^ke is myndit will do all thingis that your l euer requirit of him. I mene to serif your l without exceptioun of ony parsoun, as he speikis at this present, sua your l will get the steding of arborg to him, and alss to keip the heidis of brochtonis wrytting, that is quhat your l geffis for it nor ye will bestow one your brother dochtir and him to sattefe your l thairfoir. sua for the present awayting vpone your l farther derectiounis and adwerteisment, I commeit your l to the protektioun of the

[1] Whithorn. [2] Travail, labour. [3] Envy. [4] Threaten.
[5] An, if. [6] Craving. [7] Falsehood. [8] Use.

etternall for now and euer. of wygtoun, the xii of maij, be youris (l) seruand efter his power at seruece,

William Dunbar.

To the Rycht honorabill and his speciall mestir
(m) patryk Waiss off barnbarroch.

Receipt for House Rent, 14th July 1596.

I Alex^{r} reid, wryttar, burgess in ed^{r}, grantis me to have resauit fra the hono^{ll} Dame katherene kennady, lady of barnbarrach, the sowme of ane hundreth merkis money, and that in compleit payment of the mertimess termes maill last bypast in the yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir fyftene yeiris, And witsondayis termes maill last bygane, in this instant yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir saxtene yeiris, of my houss and ludging in the north syd of the meill mercat at ed^{r}, occupeit be my Lord barnbarroch; quhairof I hald me weill content and payit, And dischargis the sam; And siclyk of all yeiris and termes sen thair entre thairto to the day and dait of thir presentis, subscriwit with my hand at Edinburth the xiiii day of Julij, the yeir of god j^{m} v^{c} fourscoir Sextene yeiris; befoir thir witnessis, Michaell Dalyell, Angus Murray, andro Couper, Serwandis to Alex^{r} Reid.

A Couper witness. A Reid.
Thomas Vauss witness.
Thomas Longer witness.

Letter from David Murray of Broughton to the Laird of Barnbarroch, 20th July 1596. [Holograph.]

My lord, efter my wary hartlye commendatyoun of seruice, geifyng your (l) hartlie thankis for your gentilness touartis my sone, quhaye sall recompans your (l) gentilliess. And[1] my consell be folloit, I dowt nocht bot I will geit decret one[2] Jhone carness at this tyme. I let sandie m^{c}kee se your (l) wrytyng, quha marwellis that your (l) termess hyme prout[3]; And that becaise he euer offerit all his haif ado[4] in your (l) will, and yeit Is

[1] An, if. [2] On. [3] Proud. [4] Interest.

nocht fara[1] the sam; he belefis that sowm heis meid report senestarlle[2] of hyme to your (l), or wderwyis marwellis quhat suld mowe your (l) to meyne hyme prod.[3] I sen hyme in bodie and spret your (l) awyne, geif your (l) will geit hyme arboroik;[4] and heirfor I think your (l) suld the rader laboir for the sam. geif your (l) can geit Jhone of carsand, my servand, suspendeit, I wald it wair downe. I will remet wder thyngis till metying wyth your (l) self, desyryng to be commendit to my (l) your (l) bed falloue, quha god preserwe. leyng to trubill your (l) farther at this Instant, commetis your lo in the proteksyoun of the allmychty. of Brochtoun, be your (l) awin the xx of Julie

Dauid muraye of Brochtoun.

To the ry^{t} honorabill and his spesyll eyme the lard of barnbaroch and of our soueranss sesyoun.

Certificate by Lochinvar of the Death of James Gordon, 20th November 1596.

To quhais knawlege this presènt sall cum, and spaciallie to the serreff of wigtoun, on his deser do yow to wit, That forsamekle as captaine gordoun schaw me that vmquhile James gordoun, brother garman to alex^{r} gordoun of clone, is departit at the plesor of god about tuelf yeris syne in flandiris, quhilk I testiffie be thir presentis to be trew, as is befoir rehersit, be thir presentis subscryuit with my hand the tuentie day of november 1596. Lochinwer.

[Endorsed on the above]

At the mercat cross of wigtoun, the xxvii day of september, 1597 yeiris. W^{m} (William) m^{c}culloch commisseris officer compeirit, causite compryse be virtew of the commisseris precept actit, compryse ane blak ox, and ane tagie kow[5] pertening to James Gordon in cassinfeyend, at the instance of James martine in carsrigane, be ro^{t} Maxwell in vigtoun, Jo^{n} M^{c}Dowall thair W^{a} m^{c}culloch tailzeir thair, and the said w^{am} M^{c}culloch officer delyuerit the sam gudes to James martine in carsrigane.

[1] Farand, seeming. [2] Sinisterly. [3] Proud. [4] Arbrok, a farm.
[5] A cow with a white tip to its tail; a tag.

Letter from the KING to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 29th November 1596.

Trustie and weilbelovit counsellour We greit you hartlie wele. Understanding that our louit M^r^ Williame Anguss is lauchtfullie provydit to the half personage of Kirkinner and Kirkcowene, and hes bene in possessioun thairof this sevin yeiris by gane, We have thairfoir thocht gude effectuuslie to requeist and desyre yow that ye mak thankfull payment to him of the dewtie belanging to the said benefice yeirlie in tyme cumming during his lyf tyme, conforme to his prouisionn and possessioun: And that ye on nawayis acknawledge nor anser ony uther of the dewtie of that benefice; ffor sa is our express will, as ye will do ws richt thankfull pleser. Sua we commit yow to god. From halyruidhouse, the 29^th^ day of November 1596.

James R.

To our trusty and weilbelouit counsallour
the Lard of Barnbarroch.

Letter from JOHN BAILLIE, in Arbrok, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 22d December 1596.

My loird, efter my hartlie commendatioun of service, forsamekle I mervell quhat moveit your (l) to mene to effir my kyndlie rowme, and suld be my heritage, as I hoip in god it will, and[1] your (l) keip conditioun, to alex^r^ m^c^kie, quha is owr wnfreind In seeking of it upoun your (l); for that doing, it wald steir ws wp, and owr freindis and kin, to enimetie and discord; for thair wes nocht ane bailye in galloway bot thay wes servandis and freindis to your (l); for I wald nocht that your (l) wald think that we wer kinles men. It wer better to yowr (l) to hawe send yowr howshald men to hawe slane ws, nor mein to gif owr wnfreind owr kyndlie rowme, seing that we hawe bein ay weilwilling to do for owr awin rowme; for we luikit for mair thankfull dealling at yowr (l) handis quhen yowr (l) and we first contractit for the rowme, and, gif we had nocht favorit

[1] An, if.

yowr (l), we mycht had ane wther buyer of that rowme to ws, quhilk I dowt nocht bot yowr (l) will keip contract to ws. And we hawe gottin ane greit loiss of the menying to furnische silvir to yowr (l) at mertemes evin last,[1] and wald hawe bein in Edy[r] at that sam tyme tua thowsand markis money, wer nocht yowr (l) lettre, quhilk ye writ fra the knmvr[2] bak to stay ws, and to furnische na silvir to yowr (l), and hawe na farther doing with ws, quhilk we mervellit thairat, as we hawe yowr (l) writting to testefie the sam, that the falt is nocht in ws. And yowr (l) sall hawe na loiss in buying of that rowme, for we sall pay the annuell rentis to yowr (l) fra the begynnyng of the blok[3] to the end thairof with ws. yowr (l) hes gottin tua thowsand markis fra the laird of mochrum; we sall pay the annuell rent of that, and all wtheris that efferis, sen owr begynnyng, and sa we think yowr (l) sall hawe na loiss in buying of it, for yowr (l) has the superioritie of it, quhilk wes nocht in contract, and wtheris thingis besydis, quhilk yowr (l) knawis. The pryor of blantyre, and wtheris freindis, sall sie gif we be in the wrang to yowr (l) and gif we be fand to be in the wrang, we sall mak ane mendis to yowr (l) sycht, and wther freindis, bot at the leist yowr (l) mycht hawe lattin it bein knayin to freindis, quha wald hawe kend for ws that we wer in the wrang, or[4] yowr (l) wald hawe meinit that wnfreindis suld hawe owr kyndlie rowme; ffor yowr (l) mycht hawe anserit Alex[r] M'kie in bettir forme, and hawe said to him that yowr (l) wald hawe haldin that rowme in yowr (l) awin hand, quhill yowr (l) wald hawe lattin freindis ken that we wer in the wrang. bot he hes spokin in the cuntrie that he suld hawe had that rowme of yowr (l), and aprevend[5] ws, quhilk owr selfis and owr freindis mervillis of sick doing. And this we pray yowr (l) to considder all the thingis in yowr (l) mynd, as we dowt nocht bot yowr (l) will do; And farther yowr (l) sall wit the kingis mailes, quhilk als James m'kartnay tuik wp fra ws of the Lxxxviii, ix, x, and ellevin yeiris,[6] James Gaddas hes chargeit ws [for the] sam, and he war payit over agane for releif to ws; for thair is na remedie bot payment,

[1] Martinmas before last. [2] ? Kenmure. [3] Agreement.
[4] Before. [5] Prevent. [6] 1588-91.

thairfoir caus him releif ws. Nocht trubling yowr (l) with farther letter, committis yowr (l) to god: and your (l) anser. frome quhitherne, the xxii day of december 1596.—Yowr (l) servand, Jhone bailye in Arbrok.

To the Rycht hono^{ll} my lord of
barnbarroche delyuer this.

[1596-7. January 6. In the Parliament of this date Sir Patrick sat as "Barnbarrauch" among the commendators "Newbattell," "halirudhous," "lindores," etc., and not among the Barons, of whom fifteen are separately named.]

Letter from Sir A. MELVILL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 9th March 1596-97. [Holograph.]

My lord, I thought to haif met with yow, bot his ma^{te} servic haldis me sa occupiet that I can get na leasure to do my awin turnes. I haif resavit viii^{xx} markis and ten, wanting xxx s, whilk I persave is reteaned for the charg of the gold, and a mark I want besydis in the comting. me lord ye knaw what the contract betuix vs specifeis, and what ye ar bound to do; alwayes I persaive your (l) is troblit with it, and[1] I dayly constraneis till Importun yow, wherfor if ye think gud, as ye spak to me, I am content to employ sum other way In tym cumming, and not fasche your (l) thairwith, bot reserve yow till a better turne, wherin I requyre your answer; and sua, with my hertly commendationis to yowr (l) and to the Lady, I commit yow to godis protexion. at Dalketh, this ix of marche 1596.—Yours assured to command, A. Meluill.

To the right honorable the laird of barnbarrow
an of the senatoris of the colledge of Justice.

Summons by the KING to attend him on the Borders, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 13th March 1596-97.

Trusty and weilbelouit Counsallour we greit yow hartlie wele. Being to hald fordwart our Jurney, and to repair godwilling in

[1] An, if.

proper persoun toward Drumfreis upoun the 20 day of Marche instant for quyeting of the disordourit estate of our west bordour, according to our proclamatioun direct thairanent, necesser it is that we be accumpaneit with sum nowmer of our Counsalle to concur and assist us in that expeditioun; And thairfoir (among utheris) have we thocht guid effectuuslie to desyre you that ye faill not (all excusis set apart) to meit ws at the day and place appointit be our proclamatoun, to gif your best advise and opinioun in sic thingis as may concerne the quyeting of the said disordourit estate of our bordour; As ye will do ws thankfull pleser and service. Sua we committ yow to god. from Halyruidhouse, the 13th of Marche 1596. James R.

To our trusty and weelbelovit Counsallour
the Laird of Barnbarroch.

Contract between the Laird of Barnbarroch and his Son Sir John Waus of Longcastle, 8th May 1597.

At Barnbarroch the aucht day off maii the yeir of God 1m vc Lxxx sevintene yeiris. It is appoyntit, concordit, contractit, finaly endit, and aggreit, betuix the honoll partiis following, To wit ser patrik wawss of barnebarrach, knycht, on the ane part, and ser Jon wawss of longcastell, knycht, his sone and appeirand air, on the vther part, in maner, forme, and effect, following; That is to saye, fforsamekill as thair wes ane matrimoniall contract past and endit betuix the said ser patrik, takand the burding on him for the said ser Jon, his sone, on the ane part, and the honoll vchtreid mcdowell of garthland, takand the burding on him for margarete mcdowell, his dochter, now spous to the said ser Jon, on the vther part, In the quhilk contract the said ser patrik appoyntit and providit to his said sone the ten markland off crugilton cavenis, and gaiff the samyn vp to him in rentall for fyiftie bollis victuall coniunctfie to the said margarete during hir lyiftyme, as the said contract at lenth proportis; And now It is appoyntit betuix the said ser patrik and his said son that the said ser patrik is contentit, and be thir presentis bindis, and oblissis, him to enter, and posses presentlie, the said ser Johnne to the occupa-

tioun and labouring of the said ten markland off crugilton cavenis, and sall mak him rycht to the maillis, fermes, and dewties thairoff bygane, that may be recoverit be ane law, the said ser Jo^{n} peyand yeirlie to the said ser patrik during his lyiftyme tuentie lbs victuall, to be peyit ather owt of prestorie, or owt of the saidis landis of crugilton cavenis; at the optioun of the said ser patrik: And farther the said ser patrik sall enter, and presentlie posses, the said ser Jo^{n} in the fyve markland off barvennane, within the parochine of pennyghame, and serefdome off wigtoun, the said ser Jo^{n} peyand to Alex^{r} Agnew off Ardoch ane hundreth pundis money vsuale of this realme, confoirme to the decreit arbitrall pronuncit be the hono^{ll} wa^{m} m^{c}culloch of myirtoun: And further the said ser Jo^{n} sall sustene tua of the bairnis of vmquhill richaird wawss in barvennane: And farther the said ser Jo^{n} be thir presentis reseruis to his said father during his lyiftyme the profeittis of the kirkis of wigtoun, kirkynner, and kirkcowan, to the quhilk he hes provydit the said ser Johnne, with full pouer to the said ser patrik to call, follow, and persew, transact, compone, and aggrie, poynd, and distrenzie, and to convert and apply the saidis teyndis to his awin use and commoditie. Quhilk possessioun in the landis aboue written, to be giffin be the said ser patrik, the said ser Johnne acceptis be thir presentis in full satisfactioun of the said fyiftie lbs victuall, contenit in the said matrimoniall contract. And heirto ather of the saidis parteis bindis and oblissis thame, thair airis, exoris, and assignayis; And, giff this present contract be nocht guid aneuch, ather of thame bindis and oblissis thame, and thair foirsaidis, to renew the samin to vtheris hincinde vpon xLviii houris warning sa oft as neid beis. And for farther securitie ar content, and consentis, that thir presentis be insert and registrat in the sereff court buikis off wigtoun, or commisseris buikis thairoff, And executorialis of poynding, wairding, and horning, the ane nocht preiugeand the vther, to be directit thairvpoun, vpoun ane simple charge of sex dayis onlie, And to that effect constitutis
thair procuratouris to consent to the registratioun thairoff; Promitten de rato. In witnes quhairoff thay haiff subscriuit

thir presentis day, yeir, and place, foirsaidis, Befoir thir witnessis, wa^{m} houstoun off Cottreoch, hew m'dowell off daregle, michael cochrane, sereff clerk off wigtoun, and wa^{m} neisbeit, notar, with vtheris. Syr patrik Waus off Barnbarrache, knycht.
J waus off Longcastell, Knycht.
Michael cochrane, Serreff clerk off wigtoun, witnes.
William houstoun of cottrouche, witnes.
Wam. nisbet, witnes.

[The remaining letters are not dated, and the Editor is not able from internal evidence to fix the time when they were written further than this: that where the address designates Sir Patrick as "one of the Senators of the College of Justice," the date must be after January 1575-76, when he was appointed; and if he is designated "Knight," it must be after 1583, or thereby; and if "Lord of Council," it must be after April 1587.]

Letter from Thomas M'Culloch of Torhouse to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

My lord, efter my hartlie commendation, I haif ressauit your l writting that ye ar myndit to big vp your dam vpon moninday nixtis, and that vilzam will stop yow;[1] I belef he will nocht do it without he may be the law: and quhair your l desyris me with my seruandis to gang with yow to the dam bigin, your l man apardon me; I can nocht gang agans the Laird,[2] nor nen of his brythe; and geif your L haif ado with vtheris I will do my dewte to yow. nocht ellis, bot god keip yow.—be youris freind at command, Torhows.
and will gang with yow and do my dewte seffand[3] the gordons To my vere guid lorde my lord barnibarrocht.

[1] Torhouse is situated on the Bladenoch, a little below "the Grange," which then belonged to a Gordon of the Lochinvar family. Barnbarroch is about three miles from the Bladenoch where it bounds Torhouse. It does not appear who "Vilzam" (William) was, but there was evidently a dispute about water, and the Laird of Barnbarroch (Judge though he was) seems to have wished to go in force and build his dam, in spite of opposition. It may be noted, however, that he seems to have been always on good terms with the Laird of Lochinvar.

[2] Probably of Lochinvar, Sir John Gordon. [3] Saving.

Letter from PATRICK HERON, Minnigaff, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter commendatioun of seruice, I resauit your (l) writing anentis the xviii lb. gif your (l) be rememberit, the haill ward wes coft[1] for iiij^{c} merkis and xx lb., quhilk my peart extendis bot to tua hundrith merkis and x lbs., of the quhilk I deliuerit your (l) att the begynning in wigtoun ij^{c} merkis: mair sensyne deliuerit to your (l) self in edy^{r} xii merkis, sua your (l) wantis of my part bot xl ss, quhilk sall ay be payit, gifand me ane discharge for my part. Attour quhat vthir thingis your (l) hes to lay to my charge sall be equallit att your (l) meting and myne; I beleif your (l) will nocht crave my hurt. I haue na farther in writ to your (l) at this present, bot my service is your (l), and sua fair your (l) weill in the Lord.—Be youris att command of service

patrik heroun in monogeff.[2]

To the Rycht honorable M^{r} patrik Wauss
of barnbarroch.

[The following letter may refer to the same, or a similar transaction.]

Letter from Sir ROBERT MELVILL to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My lord, this present is to advertyss your (l) that of necessite the syluer fore the ward and maryage mone be had this night, quhilk failyeand the morne before twelf hours; otherwys it will not serue. In respect heyrof ye mone essaye with your credit till borrow it, seyng it had not past without assurance of redye syluer.—Your lordships to command,

Ser Robert Meluill.

[Address cut off.]

[1] Bought. The writer and Mr Patrick Waus seem to have jointly purchased the ward of some minor, a common transaction in those times.

[2] Now Minigaff.

Letter from the Laird of Larg to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

My lord, efter maist hartlie commendatioun, this present Is to adwerteis your (l) that me lady, your bedfallow, caussit to poynd Patrick herroun, as scho com furth throw for the silwer he is in awing to your (L); and becaus thair was sum of your serwandis wpoun the grownd that had offendit to me befoir, I was sumthing offendit with it. nochtwithstanding, me Lord, I wryt to me lady, your bedfallow, wpoun the morne to the cenmour,[1] and desyrit hir to gif me the hors to your (L) hamecuming, and I to caus my man patrik herroun to cum befoir your (L) to rander now compt with your (L), and to pey your (L), gif he war addettit; and gif he had beine negligent at his last compt with your (L), I beleif your (L) wald nocht tak it wpe without ye knew it assuritlie, it war Inawing. my lady send me hir tikat to be anserit of the hors quhill the paline [2] for to mak peyment, and then to mak peyment to your (L). my lord, I will ernistlie requyst your (L) to contenew that mater quhill your (L) hamecuming, and I and he sall cum to your (L), and sall mak yow peyment, or ellis your (L) sall knaw that he hes Ingnorantlie owerseine him self at his last compt with yow. And, gif it beis found be your (L) and me that it is inawing be Just compt, he sall pey it to your (L) with my disthank to him, and sall nocht requyst semekill for him se lang as I leif. nocht douting bot your (L) will contenew the sam, as saidis, I will nocht trubill your (L) with forder wryt at this present, with my hartlie commendatioun to my lady your bedfallow, And your anser In wryt with this berer. Nocht ellis at this present, bot committis your (L) to the protextioun of god. of the larg.—Be youris freind to be commandit, larg.

To the Rycht honorabill And my speciall eme
my Lord of barnbarroch.

[1] Kenmure, about twenty miles from Larg, on the way to Edinburgh.

[2] Peal, *i.e.*, to equal, to match; "paline" may mean the comparing of accounts.

Letter from PATRICK AGNEW, Sheriff of Wigtown, to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Me lord, eftir my hartlie commendatioun, I resawit your (l) wrytting fra ane boy of kinheltis,[1] tuichand my awin bissines that your (l) is catioun for me. Your (l) sall wit that on my treuth and honestie the tutour hes tane that silwer of the tenentis; and as for the rest that the tresourar sould haif, I haif wryttin yit as befoir for the sam to master alex[r] knowis to maik sum raleif to me in that. Me lord, sa laing as I haif land or geir, your (lo) salbe raleifit as honestie wald godwilling, and geif I can get na raleif, bot to mak payment, your (lo) man help me at the tresourar hand, for I haif na vther quantancie[2] bot your (lo) to charg; albeit I haif nocht done my dewtie to your (lo), your (lo) salbe na losar for me godwilling. farther quhair your lo wryt to me to be in ed[r] the aucht of agust to my chakar compt, I sall asuire your lordschip I haif nocht gottin my presept of chakar as tuirsday the penult of this instant; and as to my compt this yeir, I haif na thing ado bot the supiroritie of the lady corswall[3] of the tua mark land of knokiname,[4] and the quarter of the mill of the galdenoche,[5] quhilk my lord argayllis geift[6] will tak away, that he gat quhen the lard of corswall died; for scho entret air to hir father[7] quhen he died, Sua I will nocht be cummerit this yeir. I pray your (lo) haif me excusit, for I haif nocht done my dewtie to your (lo); your lo salbe satisfiet at your cuming to this cuntrie in all thingis to your (lo) awin contentment, for I haif no vther to scharg bot your (lo), quhen ye haif to do, lyk as I salbe redy to your (lo) at power on the auld maner. And Sua committis your (lo) to

[1] Adair of Kinhilt.

[2] ? Acquaintance.

[3] Finlay Campbell of Corswall, chamberlain of Galloway, died in 1565, leaving two grand-daughters co-heiresses. The elder, Jane, was served heir to her grandfather, and must be the person here meant.

[4] A farm in Portpatrick parish.

[5] A farm in Stoneykirk parish.

[6] The gift was that of her ward and marriage. Sir Hew Kennedy "oblist" him to present Jane Campbell, one of the heirs of Corswall, to the Council, the Earl of Argyle, donatour to her ward and marriage, consenting thereto.—*Reg. Privy Coun.*, January 1564-65.

[7] John Campbell of Lundy (*Ibid.*, vol. i., p. 326).

god. at lochnaw, the penult of July, Be your (l) at power on the auld maner, Patrik Agnew.[1]

To my the honorabill and my maist speciall
my lord of barnbarroche.

Letter by JOHN M'DOWALL of Freuch to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH. [Holograph.]

Efter my meist hartlie commendaission vnto your (l), to wit that eftir as I haid geifin thom m'Leilland thrie schairgis,[2] or he gait the fovirt, he hes be ane failss[3] narrithon[4] pvircheist suispenssion, and I sovmmonit to the (x) day of this moneith[5] to heir them svmpleissiter svispendit; as alisva[6] the laird of geilistovin[7] hes sovmmvinit me for ix scoir libs, quhilk I vais contrakit to paiy to this geilistovnis fader; and it is trev[8] the lady geilistovin and (m) robert maixisvall,[9] and in this laird of geilistovnis nem[10] be tham, perssevit[11] me befor the scheiref till I paiyit tham, and hes send ane dischairgis of the lady geilistovnis and hir hisbandis, and svbiscrvit be this sam laird of geilistovnis avin[12] hand, with the advyis of his covirratviris,[13] as thay that hes svbiscrvit the sam togidor heir for I vill beissik[14] yovr (l) to lait[15] the sam be knawin to the heill lairdis of the natvir[16] of this man, that cvmis in the contrar of his avin hand vryt, vith quhat foirder your (l) may do me thoichand[17] the reissoinnein[18] of thom m'cleillandis svipenission; and in the foirder your (l) may do me in callein of my sovmmondis of the violeint proiffeittis, I vill dissyir your (l) to exispeid[19] me vith Jvistis.[20] alisva yovr (l) sall vit that the aicission[21] betvix the

[1] Sir Patrick Agnew of Lochnaw succeeded his father as Sheriff of Wigtown in 1547, and died in 1590. Sir Thomas Kennedy was tutor of Cassillis from about 1577 till about 1590. This letter was therefore written between those dates, but it contains nothing to show in what year.

[2] Charges. [3] False. [4] Narration. [5] Month.
[6] Also. [7] Gelston. [8] True. [9] Maxwell.
[10] Name. [11] Pursued. [12] Own. [13] Curators.
[14] Beseech. [15] Let. [16] Nature. [17] Touching.
[18] Reasoning. [19] Expede. [20] Justice. [21] Action.

laird of lovikhinvar[1] and gairthland[2] is nevayis lyik to agrei, bot radar lyik to be var, radar nor beithir; and for eischevin[3] of vnconvenientis that may fall ovt, I vald haif your (l) to taik that panis as to advertis me geif I may maik my sovin[4] assingnay[5] to the aicission[6] and sovmmovndis of the violenis, that I haif hairbert[7] m'cleilland caission[8] for thom m'cleilland, or be quhait foirm sall I pvit my sovin in that pleis[9] that I am in, that I may be svir for ony deid of myin the reittis[10] of that aikission[6] may reman vith the boiy. as alisva, and (an) yovr (l) be remembirrit, I vais sikand your (l) covinisall[11] in maikin of ane new reissingnaission,[12] and I schev yovr (l) that, geif ye wald be se gvid as to geif me patreik m'clvinchfais[13] vi hvnder markis, I wald gang afeild my seilf to the doin of the sam. and nov, seing I am in dovt quhait vnconvenient may faill[14] be aicissident,[15] geif your (l) may haif vi hvnder markis of your caissionaris thair, or be ony vther myand of yovr avin, and send me vith svm of your avin with this berrar, I svild be at yow vith deligenis. and as to the (xl) libs that yovr (l) vais seeikand, I vald refar the sam to your seilf, geif ye meicht heilp me at this preissent, and I svld cavis[16] yovr land be renvinssit.[17] this lvikin for yovr (l) fvirder heirin, as I sall be rady to be aplyit be yov at my pover to the vtirmeist, and sua, leifin to trvbill yovr (l) vith laingar lettir, bot svbmeittis your (l) and your beidfallov vnder the proteicission of the almeichthie god; and geif your (l) vald command me vith quhait may ly in my pover the sam salbe dovin[18] in this covintra.[19] from the frevich,[20] the vii of this instant, be yovris at my vtir pover to command,

Jhon m'Dovell of frevich.

To ane richt honorabill and my assvirrit frend my loird of barinbarrovik this delvir.

[1] Lochinvar.
[2] Garthland.
[3] Eschewing.
[4] Son.
[5] Assignee.
[6] Action.
[7] Herbert.
[8] Caution.
[9] Place.
[10] Rights or writs.
[11] Counsel.
[12] Resignation.
[13] M'Clumpha.
[14] Fall.
[15] Accident.
[16] Cause.
[17] Renounced.
[18] Done.
[19] Country.
[20] Freuch.

Letter from DAVID MURRAY of Broughton to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

My lord, efter my mest hartlie commendation, It will pleis your (l) I haif spokin with the Lord of blarquhan, And, to be schort, ye subscryfand this letir, the Lard sall geif you ane wdir of his that ye, trawilland acordyng to your former letir, he sall neuer sek[1] you wyth your oblegatyon in the lowe,[2] Wderwyis, my (l), I mane descharge kyndis to be betyux you. And, me Lord, I praye you conseder that he is nocht angrie wyth causs, for he desyris na thing bot that he hais your (l) to do. me Lord, I praye you cum, and lat all thingis be downe that ye haif promesit in your wdir letir, for ony plesor I may do you, And your (l) sall knaw wysdom and aprofet in the sam, as heireftir I sall declair. Writin in haist at quhetherne, be youris at pouer,

Dauid murraye of Brochtoun.

To the hono[ll] and speciall Eyme the lard of barnbarach lord of our suerane sessioun this be given.

Letter from ROBERT —— to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Me Lord, efter my veray hertlie commendation, your (L) pleiss vit that I am summonit be Patrik grant to the xx of may, and for the present am vnable to trauell, and seikle; quhairfoir vill requeast your (L), for the auld familiaritie and kyndness that hes betuix your (L) and me, quhilk as yit sall nocht decay in my syd, to stand my guid freind in sic Turnis as the berar will Informe your (L), as I salbe redie To plesor yow in all thingis that I may do. gif seikness be nocht ane Impediment, I purposs to viste (visit) your (L) schortlie; To the quhilk tyme I refar the rest, nocht omittand credeit to the berrar. And sua I commit your (L) in the protection of the almichtie. of finrasie the xii day of may.—Your (L) awin To be commandit in the Auld maner,

Robirt ——.[1]

[1] Seek. [2] Blaze, fire.

[3] The signature to this letter may possibly be leslye. It is quite distinct, but illegible.

Gif thair be ony Thing in this cuntray that may plesor your (L), as your (L) pleis to Imploy, it salbe obeyt.

To the Rycht honorable the Laird of barnebarrow ane Lord of the colledge of Justice.

Letter signed "YOWNG DALBETTIE" to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH. [Holograph.]

My lord, efteir my hartly commendasseon, pleis your (l) wit I hayf ressawit yowritting, and parssawis be the same that yowr (l) walld geyf ane thwsand pundis for my fwyf mark landis aboue cre,[1] to pey my lord Justeis clark[2] wyth; and alls yowr (l) wreittis that, geyf I will bryng iij^{c} markis wyth me, ye will sattesfie my lord Justeis clark for the raist: for anssayer[3] of the quhilk, your (l) remembeiris I wreit to yow In my laist wretting qwat my land peyis pressantlie, quhilk I aswme will wyrthe twa thwsand mark. tharfor, my (l), as to me, I will newir geyf ane grott dwne of it to na man, that I swlld geyf to my lord Justeis clark; and geyf I war to sell it batter chap[4] to oney man, your (l) may be asswrit it swlld be to yow, and your (l) sall be asswrit, geyf ye tak it nocht, it sall nocht be sawll[5] To na vtheir; for I am warnit be the lard of callie to rasseyfe sax hundreyth mark, quhilk I heyf apone his land, and I heyf sum thing of my awin, swa that I sall notheir sell nor wodsseit[6] for the furst termmis peyment, and I sall pay my lord the nixt terme according to the contrak, god willing. allwayis, my lord, geyf it ples your (l), according to my furst wretting To yow, to sattesfie my lord Justeis clark, swa that he sall be contenteit, and geyf me ane descharg of the sum that I am bwnd to geyf him, thane and in that cass I am contentteit, yeit as of beffor, to sall your (l) my v mark land apone that sam prais,[7] that I swlld geyf my lord Justeis clark, or geyf your (l) can sattesfie him batteir chap,[4] I am will contentt tharwyth, and qwat eweir ye

[1] The river Cree.

[2] Probably Sir Lewis Bellenden, who died 28th August 1591.

[3] Answer. [4] Better cheap. [5] Sold. [6] Mortgage.

[7] Price.

cane heyf dwne at his hand, ye sall heyf my land apone that sam prais[1] that your (l) geyfis to him. and as anent your (l) secwrtie, your (l) wettis that my wyf man conssent to the allenasseon,[2] quhilk is trew, becawss the land is heiris, and schw is contentt wyth the sam; bott your (l) knawis I can nocht will pryng[3] her forthe for that caws, bott geyf it ples your to adwertis me that ye will tak it apone the pras,[1] and in maneir, ass I wretting, I sall cum to your (l) my self, and sall contrak wyth yow, and tak the bwrding apone me for my wywf, and qwat I bend me or heir To dw, your (l) sall heyf sacurttie In my v mark land of barharow to fwlffell the sam, quhilk landis I will nocht geyf for v thwssand mark. tharfor geyf it ples your (l) to tak it as I heyf wrettin, ye will adwertis me to cum to yow wyth the furst that cumis betuix, and geyf your (l) will nocht heyf it as I heyf wrettin, your (l) sall nocht trwbill yow farther therin, bot lat the matter rast. I remeitt all vther thingis to your (l) weisdome, and god prassarf your (l) eweir.—be yowris freind to command at poweir, Yowng dalbettie.

To the rycht honorabill, And my gret freind, the lard of barnbarowch and eind (ane) of the kingis grassis senatwris.

Letter from Ninian Adair of Kinhilt, Younger, to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

My Lord and maist speciall Eme, after my hertlie commendatioun, I haue ressauit your (L) vryting, And according to the effect of the samyn I thocht to haue bene doun at your (L) to haue tane ordour in the affairis and bessenes betuix your (L) and me. And it hes plesit god to vesit me with seiknes, that I haue nocht bene able euer to ryse out of my bed sen thuirisday ves aucht dayis, My diseis is ane extreme grauell, and this thuirisday lest ves hes dissoluit ane stane of the lenth and quantetie of ane bene, and sen syne is sumthing better, praisit be god. And gif it plesis god to permit my helth ony vayis that I mycht trauell to confer vith your (L), ye ar the maist speciall he that I vald confer vith. And giff I may trauell as

[1] Price. [2] Alienation. [3] Prig, to haggle, to bargain.

said is, I mene to be at your (L) in Quhithorne this vedinsday at euin nyxt is. Quhairfoir I vald knaw your (L) dyat, gif ye vill be thair; And gif ye mak away schortlyer, and commis the Carrick vay, and that I be nocht able to trauell to meit your (L), that your (L) vald tak the painis to cum vp to me to my awin hous in drummoir, quhair I vald confer vith your (L) that thing that I vill not vryt, nor send messinger of, vithout your awin (L) presence. Praying yow to excuiss this my hamely desyre for laik of helth causeth me to desyre the samen, I vill nocht trubill your (L) vith longer letter; bot haue my hartlie commendationis to my aunt, your (L) bedfellow, your sonnes, and all the rest of your barneis, and your (L) anser in wryt. and god preserue yow in guid helth. from drummoir, the penult of december.—Be your (L) eme at vter power, kenhelt younger.

Gif ye cum the Carryck vay, I sall meit your (L) in James Boydis, quhair your (L) man remain all nycht, vpoun tysday at euin, gif god lecenss [1] my helth. othervay I sall gar meit your (L), that ye may cum vp the sandis the nerest, gif your laser [2] may serue, as said is.

[The other half sheet with the address is torn off.]

Part of a Letter to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

I haue ressauit your (l) letter, dessering me nocht to mak balkis in your beir land, bot to visite yow at your house amangis vtheris my freindis, quhilk I wald be vary hartlie glaid to do; nather is thair any in this cuntrey to quhome I wald cum mair hamelie, nor of quhais goodwill I rest mair assoured. gif I remane in this cuntrey, I sall obey your deser, and signifie to yow the tyme; bot presentlie your (l) mon hald me excusit, for I am directing bak my wyfe, quha is cumit in haist, and may nocht mak lang residence heir; vtherwayis we sould baith haue visite yow, and your (l) bedfallow, gif occasioun serue, I think to vse yow, as I war ane heland man taking my cowdeich, or ane vndiscreit menstrall nocht content with meit and commone

[1] License, for allow. [2] Leisure.

wages, for I wald nocht spair yow, althocht the pyper war besyde that bad had the wod laird.[1] forther to meiting or nixt occasioun, committing your (l) to godis holy protectioun; Efter my hartyest commendationis to your self, and my guid Lady, quhome and your bairnis my wyfe is sory scho hes nocht had occasioun to visite; quhais fault in that I hoip . . . . . .

[Signature cut off.]

[The rest of this letter is cut off.]

To the richt honorable Ser patrick Vauss of barnbarroch, knycht, ane of the Senatouris of the college of Justice.

Letter from Archibald Muir to the Laird of Barnbarroch.

My dewtie Remembirrit, with maist dew and hartly commendation vnto your (l), your (l) sall ondyrstand that I spak with my sister tuiching the rest of your (l) mailis of dirblair, Quhayis ansuer ves (as is trew indeid) that scho had geffan ane compt of all that scho had intromittit with belangand to hir husband, And alsua of hir debursing sen his deceiss, quhairof the laird of craiganis[2] resavit ane copie; And, being advoysit thayrvith, sayis that thair will nathing be allowit of hir debursing, bot sa far as decretis is past agane the exequutrice;[3] And thinkis it nocht fryndly that all mennis dettis ar payit, And he put to the horn be the lady drwghteg[4] for the vmquhile lardis debtis, and naything payit to him but calling. And, for the causis foirsaid, my sister thinkis werray hard to pay ony ferder to ony man, althocht scho had the samin, as trewlie scho has nocht at this present, to satisfie your (l); And calling to remembirrance your (l) compt of the byrwn[5] males of dirblair, in my appeirance the mater stand in the poynt as eftir followis, at your (l) aggreance and the lardis; to wit the landis of dirblair ver wadset[6] to your (l) vpone the sovme of ellevin scoir merk and ten, And the landis of balter[7] vpone the sowme of twa hundreth merkis to the lard of mochrum, And that thair ves bot

[1] Although the piper were beside me who bade to hold (haud) the mad laird.
[2] Craigends. [3] Executrix. [4] Drouchtag.
[5] Byrun. [6] Were mortgaged. [7] Now Balteir.

tuentie merkis of the byrun males of dirblair at vitsonday eftir your agrement, And fiftie byrwn of m[1] niniane moyrheid for balteir, quhilk maid beyth your (l) sovme and the lardis equale; quhilk being consideritt maid your (l) and the Lard to be contentit with wthyr in eschange, quhairof I will desyr your (l) to remembir: nocht for vishing that your (l) sall haf hinder heirin, bot that the sall nocht seik bot the rycht; or giff dischargis beis nocht, your (l) may craiff, and be payit, quhat your (l) pleissis sen the redemptioun of dirblar. Bot referring to your (l) honour and conscience, I commit all the rest to your (l) visdome, And your (l) self to god. of areiolland, this last sunday, be your (l) man reddy as your (l) will charge,

Archibald moyr[2] in areiolland.

To the rycht honorable, and his maister, my lord of our souerane lordis counsell,[3] and Lard of barnbarroch.

Letter by THREE TENANTS of the Lands of Lybreck to their Landlord, probably Sir PATRICK WAUS.

Me lord, efter maist hartly commendatioune of seruice, It will plais your (l) to vit that the sereff is persevand vs for forty pundis of nonentrie of the landis of lybrek, and hes fencit our stakis,[4] and Intendis to puynd our cornis vpon the kingis pryce, to vit xx s the boll of beir, and ane merk the boll of aittis. praying your (l) to mak vs releif according to your promeis, for ye maid me to vnderstand that ve sulld never beine craifit for the samyn; desyring your (l) to aduerteis vs quhat ye will do thairintill for our releif, for we haue nane vther defence, bot lukis for your releif and support in this caus, and desyris your anser In virt[5] vith. this bairar. nocht trubling your (l) vith

[1] Indistinct.

[2] Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, who died in 1583, married, about 1549, Elizabeth, daughter of Mungo Mure of Rowallan. This Archibald Mure, who dates from Airrieolland, a farm in Mochrum, was her brother.

[3] He was appointed in 1587.

[4] Sequestrated our stock.

[5] Vrit, writing.

farder vreit, bot committis yow to god. of vigtoune the xxvi day of merche.—Be youris efter pover and service,

Wam m'kie In lybrek.
Johne m'Dovvell, and alex m'culloch.

[No address.]

Letter signed "GLENLUS" to the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH.

Plesit your (L), Mr Roger gordonne for sowmes of money addettit me, partlye for his mailie[1] of the mile[2] of Penyghame, as wtheruayis vpon the necessitye of his particularis, disponit to me sum byrone[3] wictuallis, extending to nynscoir bollis and xii restand of your (L) mil[2] forsaid, quhilkis with good vill your (L) sall haiff dischargit in cace I may knaw of present peyment; wtheruayis your (L) mey considder vpon the nixt remeid thairanent. necessitye man mak diligent. So committis your (l) to god. from the grange the xvi of october.—Your L assured at his wter powir, Glenlus.[4]

To My werye good lord
My lord of barbarroche.

Will of the LAIRD OF BARNBARROCH, 1st May 1595 and 25th September 1597.

In the name god sobeit.

The testament testamentar, and lattyr vyll, of Ser patrick Waus of barnbarrache knycht maid, vreittyn, and subscryvit, be the said Ser patrik avyn hand vreitt at Barnbarrache, the fyrst day of Maij, in the yeir of god 1m vc Lxxx fyveteinne yeris. Barnbarrache. and of new ratefeytt and apprevit at the plaice of Barnbarrache the xxv day of Septembar 1597 yeris. Item, I nominatt and ordanis my executoris, Dame katerin kennedy, my spous, and Johne waus my eldest sone, and aperaraine ayr; And ordanis my said sone to vyiss[5] the advyce and consell of his

[1] Mail, rent. [2] Mill. [3] Bygone rent to be paid in kind.
[4] It is not known who was entitled to use this signature, unless it was the Abbot (or commendator) of Glenluce.
[5] Use.

moodyr and thomas Kennedy of culzeyne, in all his causis and besenes quhattsumeuer he sall happin to haife to [In speciall In his marege endyn with quhatsumever he sall happyn to contract and mare with],[1] and als that he sall vyss the speciall advyce and consell of M^r^ Johne scharpe of hovistoune, advocatt, vyth thair advyces, as saidis. And ordanis my veife to geife vp, and mak Inuentor of my haill guiddis and geyr, conforme to my beltane buikis, and Inuentor of my dettys In achteyne me, as schoo sall think expedient; and In speciall dettis In acheyne by the layrdes of mochrum, mvndork, for the guidman of the garrarie, and his sone.

The dettis that I am In achteyne to utheriss, as I presentlie ramembyr. Item. to M^r^ James gray ane thovsane pundis; Item george bissett in abyrdeyne ane thovsane merkis, for the quhilk thomas vaus of pettyrcraig, and valtyr maver ar cationaris for me; Item. to george dovglas youngar of langnederie, quhoo sone[2] george dovglas, his fadyr broodyr, deseyssis, the somme of fovyr thovsane merkis, conforme to our contract registrett In the bvikis of consell. Item In achteyne to M^r^ Johne scharpe, aduocatt, ij^c^ merkis as for the rest of his annuall rentt, quhilkis I achte hym. Item In achtene to James dagless, to Johne dovgall, merchandis in Edy^r^; I refar the samyn to thayr compt bvikis, and to my vefes memorie. [Item in achteyne to the layrde of sornbeg as for the rest of his tochyr 1000 mks.][3] Item in achteyne to villame hoviston of cotreoch, as for thes thochyr,[4] promesit with my dochtyr katereyne kennedy to his sone villame hoviston, his apperane ayr, conforme the contract of marreage, ane thovsane pund.

I leife my saule to the eternale, almychte, and omnipotent god, and my bodye to be bureit in my Iyle att vigtoune.

Legaseis.

Item I ordane, levis, and alss oblesis me, my ayris, ex^ris^, and Intromettoris with my luvyn,[5] heretage, guiddis, and geyr, quhattsumeuer, to every ane of my dochtyrris vnprovyditt, quhilkis presentlie fovyr, to every ane of thame, quho, said every ane of

[1] This sentence is scored out in the original.
[2] How soon.
[3] Written in original and scored out.
[4] Tocher.
[5] Levyn, living.

thame, beis sexteyne yeris of age, to euery ane of thame ane thovsane pundis, and quhyle every ane of thame be of that age to pay to euery ane of thame ane hundyrrethe merkis to by thayr cleis, and vther necessaris. Item I leife, and alss obleiss, me, and my eldest sone succedand to my heretage, in the stratest forme and styill of obligatione can be devysitt, to thankfullie content, and pay [to[1] robert vaus, my yovngest sonne, the soume of fyve thousand merkis mony, or fyve hundyrrethe merkis mony be yeir, ay and quhill he be provyditt in alss mykill of heritage, as salbe vorthe to hym fyve hundyrrethe merkis be yeir;]. And In kaice I provyd hym in alss mykill in my avyine tyme, and befoyr my deseiss, In that kaice I discharge this my legasee, and band of obligatione, as Is befoyr mentionatt [and alss mykill to Alex[r] Vaus, my youngast sone, and in the samin maner of band and obligatione, to vitt foyr thousand merkis mony, BArnbarrache[2]], provydand that my said sones and dochtyrris foyrsaidis creife, nor clame, na rycht nor tytill till ony barnis part of geyr, nor ony my mvfabillis quhattsumever ony maner of vay, bot that the samin stand full to my vefe, and sone eldest.

Item I ordane the haill guddis, and geyr, plenesyne, Inseycht,[3] quhatsumeuer, Is upon the landis of Cascrev, and In the plaice thairof, and the scheip[4] upon glenhovill, or upon the haill landis I haif In glenluc, sall ramane vyth my vefe, vntrvbillit or molestit ony maner of vay be my sone, or for ony dettis, bot that schoo sall brvik[5] the samyn for all the days of hyr lyfetyme, provydane schoo fyind catione that the samin salbe furthecumane eftyr hyr deceyss to my sone, or his ayris maill. Item I ordane my saidis dochtyrris to mare,[6] and nocht to joyne thame selfis to ony persoine bot be the speciall advyce and consent of my vefe, my sone Johne, and of the layrde of culzeyne; and geife thay failye, or do vthervayss In the contrar, in that kaice I discharge this my legase, and obligatione, maid to thame; and In kaice ony

[1] The words within brackets are scored out in the original. Perhaps Robert died or was provided for between 1595 and 1597.

[2] This sentence is added in the margin.

[3] Furniture, etc.

[4] Sheep.

[5] Enjoy.

[6] Marry.

of my saidis dochtyr deceyss befoyr thay be mareit, in that kaice that part sall nocht accress to ony vthir of their systyrris as saidis.

Item I leife to elleyne vaus, my broodyrr dochteyr, yeirlie to by hyr cleyss[1] vyth, and to na vthir vyss[2] bot to by cleyss, the soume of fovyrte merkis mony yeirle. Item I ordane my sone to vyiss[2] Alex[r] Vaus kyndlie In his rovme of tybyrquharran for the payment as It presentlie pays, and alss to pate Vaus for his lyftyme In Kyldarrache. Item I leife to thomas vaus my servand xx libs, and to his brodyr alex[r] vaus j[c] libs, and to blais vaus xx libs. Item I leif to euery ane of my ald servandis xx merkis, and to Villame neysbeyth xx merkis, gef he ramanis vyth me.

Item I ordane to my vefe in full contentatione and satisfactione of hyr haill terss and coniuncle[3] the haill landis I haife presentlie hafe in glenluce, to vit the cascrev, glenhovill, barsangane, dyrrevardis, neddyr senneness, Dyrskelben, and Dyrneyn, and the haill landis I haue of the barronie of Mochrum loche, vyth the haill plenesyne thairvpon, for hyr lyftyme provydane that schoo leife eftyr hyr deceis the samyn pleneseit as thay ar, and as schoo sall ressaiue vpon the saidis landis at hyr entrie thairto, and becaus schoo gettis almest the hayll stoyr[4] landis, I ordane that shoo sall geif and delyuer yeirlie to my sone tweill twa yeir ald novitt,[5] and fovyrte hoigis, to help hym to his hoviss, in respect he vantis stoyr at this present.

In vitnes heyrof I haif vreittyn and subscryvit this my lattyr vill and testement, day, yeir, and plaice foyrsaidis, befoyr thir vitness. Syr patrik waus off BArnbarrache knycht wyth my hand.

Item I ordane my vefe that quhoo sone our sone patrik waus beis of the age of sevynteyn yeris compleit, and enteris in achteyn yeris, that thane he sall haife full Ingres and possession of the x merkland of lybrek, and schoo to discharge hyr rycht thairof to hym, and that he be bund to viss hyr consell at all tymes. BArnbarrache.

[1] Clothes. [2] Use. [3] Terce and conjunct fee.
[4] Store. [5] Nowt, cattle.

APPENDIX.

List of Documents relating to Sir PATRICK WAUS *and his affairs, now at Barnbarroch.*

1. 15th August 1545.—Collation and Advocation by George, Provost of Lincluden (*prepositus ecclesie beate Marie virginis de Linclouden*) to Patrick Wauss, son to John Wauss of Barnbarroch, to be rector and parson of Wigtown.
2. 25th August 1546.—Discharge by Dean Alexander Knollis, vicar of Mochrum, to John Waus, Parson of Wigtown, of 30^{s} for the "theynd voll and styrkis of Casmailzow and Glenlyng" for 1546. Patrick Waus is a witness.
3. 1550.—Licence by the Earl of Angus to Mr Walter Kennedy "persoun of Dowglas," to resign that parsonage in favour of Mr Patrick Wauss "persoun of Wigtoun."
4. 9th September 1551.—Receipt by Alex^{r} Bonar for 50 crowns, part of three score crowns due to David Bonar by Mr Patrick Wauss, persoun of Wigtoun.
5. 22d June 1554.—Tack by Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtoun, to Mr Patrick Waus persoun of Wigtoun, of the five merk land of Culquhirk for £10 (Scots) yearly rent. Witnesses—Nichol Murray, Sir Michael Harthorn, Alex^{r} Adayr Provost of Whithorn, Alex^{r} Lynsay.
6. June 1559.—Obligation by Mr Thomas Hay, parson of Spyne, to Mr Patrick Waus, parson of Wigtown, his cousin, for £40 (Scots) which he had paid for Archibald Kennedy in Sonaness (Sinniness). Witnesses—Arch^{d} Kennedy, William Kennedy, Alex^{r} Vaus, Robert Veitte.
7. June 1559.—Obligation by Archibald Kennedy, in Sonanes, to his cousin Mr Patrick Vaus, parson of Wigtown, for £8 (Scots). Witnesses—Alex^{r} Vaus, John M^{c}quhyn, Robert vrille (?)
8. 1st August 1560.—Disposition by Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, donator of the ward of the xx shilling land of Park and of the Parsonage of Dowglas, of the said parsonage and teinds, etc., to his lovite Mr Patrick Wauss. Witnesses—Mr Thomas Hay, parson of Spyne; Walter Kennedy, Gilbert M^{c}Dowell.
9. 2d September 1560.—Gift of the above by the Earl of Cassillis. Parchment and the seal entire. Witnesses — William Kennedy of Coifa; David Kennedy of Braunston, Gilbert M^{c}Dowell.
10. 10th March 1561.—Sasine Mr Patrick Waus of the lands of Dirskilpin, Glenjorie, Glenhowll, etc.
11. 31st July 1562.—Signet Warrant Mr Patrick Waus against the Abbot of Glenluce.
12. 6th August 1562.—Note of Contract of Wadset by the Earl of Cassillis, of Glenluce lands, to Mr Patrick Waus, viz.,

Caschrew, 41 merks 11 shillings; Glenhoull, 8 merks; Glenjory, 4 merks; Barlockhart, 5 merks; Creoches, 4 merks; Dirskilpin, 4 merks.

13. 17th February 1562-3.—Precept of Sasine of an annuity of 12 merks out of Barquhanny. Hugh Kennedy to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Waus, Will^{m} Campbell, John Aytoun, notary.
14. 19th January 1564.—Discharge by James Panton of 59 pounds (balance of £80), paid by Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvanmains for Mr Patrick Waus, as cautioner for John Waus of Many. Witnesses—Allane Tod, Alex^{r} Callender, Alex^{r} Reid.
15. 1564.—Gift and Commission by Mary Queen of Scots to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew to be Commissary of Wigtown.
16. 29th September 1565.—Instrument of Sasine of annual rent from Auchmantle and Drummuckloch, in favour of Mr Patrick Vaus of Cascrew. Witnesses—Thomas M^{c}Maister, and Gilbert M^{c}Culzeame, son to Gilbert M^{c}C. in Artfield.
17. 22d April 1567.—Instrument of Sasine of the two and a half merk land of Slewhibbert in favour of Alexander Waus. Witnesses—John Dunbar, in Orchardton; John Vauss, in Wigtoun; John Hawthorne, Martin M^{c}crwne, in Knockan; Roger M^{c}cewat.
18. 11th December 1567.—Discharge by Robert Stewart, factor to Sir John Stewart of Minto, Chamberlain to the King, of the lands and lordships of Galloway above Cree, to Alex^{r} Waus, of feu-mails, etc., etc. Witnesses—Michael Lorest, Andrew M^{c}Clellan, John Dodds.
19. 13th April 1568.—Precept of Sasine of an annuity of twenty merks out of Barwhanny. Hugh Kennedy to Alexander Waus. Witnesses—Thomas Reid, Michael Kirkpatrick, David M^{c}Lellane, in Corwar Outon; and David M^{c}Clelland, a servant.
20. 27th April 1568.—Discharge by Henry Smith, collector of thirds of benefices, to Patrick Waus, parson of Wigtown. Witnesses—Peter Thomsone, Ilay Herald, and Cuthbert Cuthbertsone.
21. Grant to Mr Patrick Waus of Cascrew, by Queen Mary, of the ward and non-entry to his late brother's lands, and of the marriage of Helen Waus, and also of the escheat of Alexander M^{c}Kie, brother to Archibald M^{c}Kie of Merton, because of his assisting James, Earl of Moray, in the down-casting of Lochinvar's place of Kenmure, and also for the "treasonable revesing of our lige and pupill Helene vauss." Signed by the Queen, with the word "gratis" added to her signature. [It is not dated, but must have been soon after July 1568, when the Queen was in England.]
22. 10th November 1568.—Instrument of Sasine, Mr Patrick Wauss as heir to his brother Alexander in the lands of Barnbarroch, etc. Witnesses—Henry Haulthorne, in Mekill areis; John Haulthorn, his brother; Alex^{r} Waus, burgess of Whithorn;

Robert Levynnax, uterine brother to John M^{c}Culloch of Torhouse, Robert Johnstone, and John Anderson, servants to Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch.

23. 2d March 1568-9.—Sasine of Barvenan, Baltersan, and Mill of Penningham, to Mr Patrick Wauss, as nearest of kin to his brother Alexander Waus. Witnesses—John Hawthorne, Patrick Mwir of Carnfield, John Hannay, Matthew Hay, q^{to} M^{c}Kee, John Campbell, ——— M^{c}Coid, and William M^{c}Culloch.
24. 15th June 1569.—Sasine of Caskrew by the Earl of Cassillis to Patrick Wauss and Elizabeth Kennedy his spouse, daughter to the Commendator of Glenluce. Witnesses—Henry Smyth, burgess of Edinburgh; Peter Thomson, Herald; Herbert Johnstoun, John Hanyng, and Thomas Wauss, servants to the said Laird of Barnbarroch.
25. 14th September 1569.—Reversion of Barglas by Euphemia Dunbar, widow of Alex^{r} Waus, to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—George Muir, John Hamiltoun, James Muir of Drumskeoch.
26. 11th October 1569.—Sasine Mr Patrick Waus in the five merk land of Prestrie. Witnesses—John Martin, vicar of Gelstoun, Henry Hauthorne in Meikle Areis, John Hauthorne his brother, George Martin in Portyarrock, and Alex^{r} Vauss, burgess of Whithorn.
27. 28th November 1569.—Extract Rental of the King's lands in Kirkinner, held by Mr Patrick Waus.
28. 31st December 1569.—Gift by Regent Moray to Mr Patrick Waus, as heir to his brother (who had it), of the ward of Freuch, and the marriage of Margaret M^{c}Dowall, daughter and heir of the late James M^{c}Dowall. [Parchment in good preservation, but seal gone.]
29. 3d May 1570.—Precept of Sasine of an annuity of £20 out of Barquhanny; Hugh Kennedy to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Vauss in Whithorn, Alex^{r} Kirklissis, Alex^{r} Keffane, notary.
30. 9th July 1570.—Contract of Wadset by Sir Alexander Stewart of Dalswinton, knight, and Dame Catherine Hereis his spouse, of "the Hills" in the Parish of Glasserton, to Mr Patrick Waus, for 500 merks paid by him. Witnesses—George Foster, of Keidisdeill (Kidsdale); John Hathorne, Edward Nelsoun.
31. 1571.—Precept wherein Sir John Stewart of Minto charges Mr P. Waus to fulfil his contract. Witnesses—Gawane Dunbar of Baldoun, John Stewart of Dumgrayne, and Mathew Fischer, servants to the said Sir John Stewart of Minto, knight.
32. 5th February 1571-2.—Charter of Confirmation by commendator of Whithorn of Stennock, Sheddock, Prestrie, Barvernock, etc. Witnesses—Master Robert Herbertsone, rectore of air (? Ayr), John Stewart of Dungrand, and John Herbertsone.

33. 15th May 1573.—Contract between Mr P. Waus and Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie in Whitehills, and Helen Waus his spouse. Witnesses —Alex^{r} Stewart of Garlies, Sir Hew Kennedy of Girvanmains, Gilbert Kennedy of Dalquharran, Hew Kennedy of Barquhanny, and Patrick M^{c}Kie, brother to the said Alex^{r}. Witnesses to Helen Waus' signature—Hew Kennedy of Barquhanny, John Kennedy his son and heir, Alex^{r} Ekillis (?), Alex^{r} Waus, burgess of Whithorn; William Waus, burgess of Wigtown. (Her hand led to the pen.)
34. 5th July 1573.—Discharge by Helen Waus and Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie, her spouse, to her "cousin" Mr Patrick Waus, for all intromissions with the succession to the late Alex^{r} Waus of Barnbarroch, her father. It refers to the preceding contract. Witnesses—3 of the above and Alex^{r} Eklis (? Eccles).
35. 15th February 1573-4.—Instrument of Sasine in an annual rent of fifty merks out of the lands of Garrochtie by Robert Levenox, brother of Alex^{r} Levenox of Buyfan and Callie, and Patrick M^{c}Dowall of Logan, to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—William Boyde of Leswalt, John Stewart, son to the late Alex^{r} Stewart of Dalswintoun, Miles, Herbert Johnston.
36. 30th May 1574.—Contract of Wadset between Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch and Patrick Cairns of Cults, in favour of the former, for 2400 merks: viz., the 10 merk land of Galtways in the parish of Garolway in Kirkcudbright, mortgaged to W^{m} M^{c}clennan of Balmangan, for 1200 merks and now redeemed; also the lands of Cults, wadset to David Murray of Brochton for 500 merks, and to Alex^{r} Gordon of Grange for £100, in all 1850 merks. To be repaid in three instalments of 400 merks, the interest on each to be 44 merks, or 11 per cent. Mr Patrick Waus and his wife to be infeft in the lands of Cults, in the parish of Craggleton, warranted worth 132 merks by year. The Superior of these lands was "Lord Sanct Johnne of Torphikkin, knight." Witnesses—Alex^{r} Vaus, "Dene" John Hanyng, and Alex^{r} Keffane, notary.
37. 23d June 1574.—Extract Special Retour of Helen Vaus, as heir of Alexander Vaus, her father, in the two and a half merk lands of old extent of Drumgorgane (Drumjargon). The names of the Jury are Sir John Dunbar of Mochrum, Mr Patrick Vaus of Barnbarroch, Gavin Dunbar of Bandone (Baldoon), John M^{c}Culloch of Torhouse, Thomas M^{c}Clellen of Auchlein, Simon M^{c}Culloch of Miretoun, Alexander Ahannay of Sorbe, Simon M^{c}Cristein of Clonche, M^{r} Malcolm M^{c}Culloch in Creachdow, James M'Dowell of Durregill (Dalreagle), Archibald M^{c}Kie of Myretoun, Alexander Lenox of Butillmains, William M^{c}Clellen of Netherthrid, Robert Aschennand of Dumryp, and Robert Gordoun of Barneryne.
38. — June 1574.—Charter of Alienation of the lands of Baryerrock by Patrick M^{c}Kie of Larg, in favour of Mr Patrick Waus.

Witnesses—Alex^{r} Stewart of —— [illegible, see No. 43]; William M^{c}Gowyne, commissary.

39. 9th April 1575.—Instrument of Sasine proceeding on Precept from Chancery for infefting Helen Waus as heir to her father in the two and a half merk land of Drumgorgane. Witnesses —Henry Hawthorn in Meikle Areis, Alex^{r} Waus in Tibertquharran, Thomas Kennedy, John Tait, Arthur Braidfute.

40. 18th April 1575.—Resignation of the lands of Capenoch and 40 penny land thereof, by Marg^{t} Hannay, and Patrick Mulein, her spouse, to Mr Patrick Waus and Catherine Kennedy, his spouse. Witnesses—Henry Hawthorne, Alex^{r} Waus, Patrick M^{c}Dowall, son of James M^{c}Dowall of Dirregill; and Patrick Torntoun.

41. 18th April 1575.—Precept of Resignation by Helen Waus of the Lands of Drumjargon in the King's hands. Witnesses—Henry Hawthorn, Alex^{r} Wauss, Thomas Kennedy, John Tait, and Arthur Braidfute.

42. 10th May 1575.—Contract between Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie and Helen Waus, his spouse, and Simon M^{c}Culloch of Myretoun, anent the eight merk land of Balseir. Witnesses—Mr Patrick Vaus of Barnbarroch, Alex^{r} Gordoun in Airlair, John Gordon in Krestine, Gilbert Kennedy, and Mr W^{m} M^{c}Gowyne, commissary of Wigtown.

43. 6th September 1575.—Instrument of Sasine of the lands of Baryarrok, by Patrick M^{c}Kie of Larg, to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Steward of Barcloy (apparente), Alex^{r} M^{c}Kee, son and heir to Larg; and Mr W^{m} M^{c}Gowyne, commissary of Wigtown.

44. 20th January 1875-6.—Procuratory of Resignation of the lands of Slewhabert (Slahubart) in the King's hands, by Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—John Makdowell of Frewch, Alexander Murray of Drumphin (? Drumgin), William Paterson (scriba) writer.

45. 1575-6.—Duplicate of the above, signed but undated, and without witnesses. The name of the lands is spelt *Slahewbart.*

46. 1st February 1575-6.—Charter under the Great Seal of Slahewbert, Drumgergane, Capanach, and forty penny land in favour of Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch and his spouse, upon the resignation of himself, Helen Waus and Marg^{t} Ahannay. Witnesses—Adam, Bishop of Orkney, Commendator of Holyrood; William Earl Marishall, Lord Keith, John Lord Glamis, Chancellor; Robert, Commendator of Dunfermling; Mr George Buchanan, pensioner of Corsraguel, keeper of the Privy Seal; Sir John Bellenden of Auchnoul, Justice-Clerk; Mr James M^{c}Gill of Rankelour Nethir, Registrar, and Clerk of Council; and Alexander Hay, Director of Chancery.

47. 1st February 1575-6.—Precept of Sasine following on the above.

48. 6th April 1576.—Instrument of Sasine of the same. Witnesses —John Herron of Kereuchtrie, Robert Jhonestoun, Patrick Tornetoun, servants to Mr Patrick Waus; and Michaele M'Kee in Drumjargane.
49. 15th August 1577.—Discharge by William Stewart, burgess of Glasgow, acting for Sir John Stewart of Minto, to Sir P. Waus for £100. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Waus, burgess of Whithorn, Master Alane Stewart, Commendator of Corsraguell, Patrick Torntoun, and Andrew Bannatyne in Ballachtoull.
50. 24th August 1577.—Copy Instrument of Sasine in favour of Mr Patrick Waus in the lands of Cruggleton, Balsmith, Stennock, Carleton, Knock, etc., upon a charter by Sir John Stewart of Minto. Witnesses—Arthur Braidfute, in Stenyok, Jone [illegible] in Cragilmine, Jone Halthorn in Blairschynnoch, Alex^{r} Halthorn, his brother; and Michaele M^{c}Kee in Drumjairgane.
51. 21st January 1577-8.—Instrument of Sasine of the forty penny land of Capanach, in favour of Margaret Ahannay, on a Charter from Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Roger M^{c}Culloch, John M^{c}ylliame (M^{c}William), William M^{c}Cade, John M^{c}Carnas, Thomas Cawen, and Thomas Kirkpatrick.
52. 24th and 30th January 1577-8.—Copy Contract of Sale of the lands of Apilbie by Sir John Stewart of Minto to Mr Patrick Waus, for £100 in hand, £200 before 25th Feb^{y}, and £100 more as soon as Lord Robert Stewart gains his action for possession of the Priory of Whithorn. If Lord Robert lose the action, the money to be repaid. Witnesses—William Stewart, sone to John Stewart of Beltres, George Stewart, Patrick Hall Fischer, Arch^{d} Eglinton, notar.
53. 7th March 1577-8.—A Provision anent Apilbie by Robert Maxwell of Garrerie to Mr Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Patrick M^{c}Dowell of Mauchirmoir, Alex^{r} Halthorn, brother of Halthorn in Areis; James Muir, Adam M^{c}Cultron in Craig Miller, and Michaele Acoltron in Apilbie.
54. 7th March 1577-8.—Copy Instrument of Sasine of Apilbe to Mr Patrick Waus.—Same witnesses as above.
55. 11th May 1578.—Ratification and Approval by Mathew Stewart, son and heir-apparent to Sir John Stewart of Minto, of the three contracts made between his Father and Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, dated 3d Oct^{r} 1571, 8th and 10th Jan^{ry} 1576-7, and 24th and 27th Feb^{ry} 1577-8, for the sale of lands belonging to the Priory of Whithorn. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Waus, burgess of Whithorn, William Stewart, burgess of Glasgow, Peter Adyirstoun, Richart Waus, John Stewar, Mr John Scharp, and Mr John M^{c}Calzeane.
56. 17th May 1578.—Precept of Sasine of the land of Balseir; Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie and Helen Waus, his spouse; William Dunbar in Baldoon, attorney for Robert Stewart, second son of

Richard Stewart in Crossthrie. Witnesses—Gavin Dunbar of Baldoon and George M^{c}Ke.

57. 10th November 1578.—Copy Sasine of Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, etc., as heir to his brother, Mr Alex^{r} Waus. Witnesses—Henry Haulthorne and John H., his brother; Alex^{r} Waus, Robert Levynnax, half-brother to John M^{c}Culloch of Torhouse, Robert Johnnestoun, and John Alderstoun, servants to Mr Patrick Waus.

58. 12th March 1578-9.—Letters in the four forms Barnbarroch against Sir John Stewart of Minto and his eldest son Mathew, for fulfilling their contracts relative to lands sold by them. The three contracts are specified, and the lands are named, viz., 2½ merk land of Stenok M^{c}Connell, the 2 merk land of Schedock, the 5 merk land of Prenstrey, the 4 merk land of Barnewarrach, the 10 merk land of Crugilton, the 5 merk land of Balsmith, the 2½ merk land of Stenok Corbet, the 10 merk land of Apilbie.

59. 1578-1581.—Contract between Mr Patrick Waus and Hew Kennedy of Barquhony, and his son, John Kennedy, by which the latter gave to the former the half of the recognition and inventory of lands, viz., the 4 merk land of Blairschenock, the 2 merk land of the 4 merk land of Culbay, the 3 merk land of Arrengilchie, the 8 merk land of Camfart and Arisassan, the 2½ merk land of Drumboy, the 1 merk land of Ardachie, the ½ merk land of Kilmuik, the ½ merk land of Creanlew, the 1 merk land of Sanctknok, the 1 merk land of Culwennan, the 1 merk land of Montibart, the 1 merk land of M^{c}toayne, the ½ merk land of Drummabinwan.

60. 17th April 1580.—Contract of Wadset 300 merks on Baryerrock between Sir Patrick Waus, knight, and Patrick M^{c}Kie of Larg. Witnesses — Andrew Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, James M^{c}Culloch of Drummorall, Patrick M^{c}Kie in Blairdiry, John Wauss in Wigtown, John Muir, notary.

61. 3d June 1580.—Contract between Lord Robert Stewart, Prior of Whithorn, and Mr Patrick Waus, by which the former engages to renew Mr P. W.'s infeftments, and the latter discharges all debts due to him by the Prior up to Whitsunday last, "Johnis pensioun includit." Witnesses—Mr Robert Stewart, chalmerlain, and Mr W^{m} M^{c}Gowyne, commissary.

62. 9th June 1580.—Disposition of Crugilton Cavens, Schedok, Stennok M^{c}connyll, Prestre, Midwig, Carltoune, Knok of Kirkmaden, Apilbe, and Mill, etc., thereof, Kerindone, by Lord Robert Stewart, Commendator of Whithorn, to Mr Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, for 6000 pounds — the "umquhile" Sir John Stewart of Minto is named. Witnesses—Mr William M^{c}Gowyn, commissary; Mr Robert Stewart; Alex^{r} Waus, burgess in Whithorn; John Kennedy of Barquhonny, Hew Kennedy.

63. 9th June 1580. Minute of Sasine of Mr P. Waus in the above lands. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhony, younger; John Kennedy, servant to Mr Patk Waus; Henry Halthorn in Mekill Areis, John Halthorn in Blairschinnoch, his brother; Alexr Halthorn in Powton (?), their brother; Alexr Wauss, burgess of Whithorn; David Kennedy, William Kennedy of Monhuson, Patrick McCreric in Prestrie, Michael Mctoning, William Maxwell in Preran, Arthur Braidfute in Sedyok, John Maxwell, and Peter Mcylwyane, connotary.
64. Names of the crofts about Whithorn, and other lands belonging to Sir Patrick Waus.
65. 3d December 1580.—Decreet against Helen Waus and Alexr McKie, her husband, to compel her to sign a discharge.
66. 3d September to 26th September.—Certificates by Thomas McMulroun that he executed the King's letters against Alexr McKie and Helen Waus, and blew them to the horn. Witnesses—3d September, Alexr Hannay, bailie of Wigtown; John Ball, George Williamson, William McCulloch; 6th, James Nelson, James Bog; 9th, Thomas Akynson, Thomas Gordon, and Sir John Flemyng, Mychel McIlroy, John McCome; Besse Hannay, spouse to George McCome; Patrick McCome, John Wilson, Andro McTwhan, Gt McDowell, Myll McClerie, Robert McClere, Allan McKee, John McKee, Thomas McIlroy, John McIlroy, and John McKe; 11th, Patrick Blane, William Wauss, John Wauss; 16th, Sir Symon McCulloch of Mertoun, Dean John Angus, Sacristan of the Chapel of Stirling; Robert Gordon of Culvennan, and Sir John Flemyng; 26th, Laurence Torbrand, Lennard McGe, Jhone McCrekane, William Wauss, and John Wauss.
67. 14th February 1580-1.—Sasine of the lands of Dowrie and Drumtrodden in favour of Mr Patrick Waus and Katherine Kennedy, his spouse, and their son John, by Martin McCulloch in Dowrie. Witnesses—William Campbell of Kerintra; John Campbell in Barsalloch, his brother; John McCulloch, tailor, at Lochend of Martoun; Francis McCome, gardener at Martoun; William Kirkpatrick in Blairboy, George McClarie in Dowrie, and John Smit.
68. 28th August 1581.—Gift to Mr Patrick Waus of the ward and non-entries of the lands of Carsmannoch, Blackcraig, Lesscers, Kirrochtrie, and Drikmorne, belonging to Patrick Herone, son of umquhile John Herone of Kirrochtrie, with the marriage of the said Patrick Herone.
69. 25th October 1581.—Bond of Reversion over the lands of Nether Synniness by Archd Kennedy of Sinniness in favour of Mr Patrick Waus and Katherine Kennedy, his spouse. Witnesses—John Kennedy, son to Hew K. in Barquhony; M.

Acoltron in Apilbe, Thomas Kennedy in Blairschinnoch, and Sir Herbert Anderson.

70. 4th November 1581.—Instrument of Sasine of Mr Patrick Waus in the Lands of Kildonan. Witnesses—John M^{c}Caar in Kildonan, Nivin Aflek there, John M^{c}Kellie in Stossland (?), and John Torgie.

71. 19th February 1581-2.—Contract between Mr Patrick Waus and Ninian Adair of Kenhilt, younger, by which the latter, on acquiring the lands of Loch and Kinoucher from Christian Dunbar, eldest daughter of Jonet Dunbar, one of the heirs of Andrew Dunbar of Loch, engages to sell them to the former. Witnesses—Thomas, tutor of Cassillis; and John Creychtoun, notary.

72. 9th March 1581-2.—Contract of Sale by Christiane Dunbar, with consent of her husband, John Adair, of the Lands of Loch to Ninian Adair of Kenhilt, younger. Witnesses—Patrick Agnew, son to Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown; John Murray, servitor to the said Ninian; William Adair, servant to the said Ninian; Mr John Russell, advocat; Dauid Reid, his servant; Mr James Millar; and Archibald Millar, notary.

73. 14th June 1582.—Contract of Wadset between Mr Patrick Waus and William Dunbar in Culmalzie, and Catherine Muir, his spouse, 300 merks on Barnvaranoch. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Ahannay of Sorbie, Andro Ahannay, his brother; Andro Ahannay in Dirgawallis, John M^{c}Cleyn in Balquhassie.

74. 14th June 1582.—Back Bond by the above William Dunbar and his wife to Mr Patrick Waus. The same witnesses.

75. 31st October 1582.—King James' Revocation of all Infeftments, Pensions, etc., granted by him.

76. 20th November 1582.—Charter by King James, confirming Mr Patrick Waus in the lands of Knockan, Kildarroch, Kiribrine, and Kirriewauchope. Witnesses—The Commendators of Dunfermline and Blantyre; the rest illegible, but probably the other members of Council present on that day.

77. 25th July 1584.—Continuation of Summons raised by Sir Patrick Waus against Gavin Dunbar of Baldoon, John Dunbar his brother, Ninian M^{c}Kgie in Clacharie, Patrick Gullyne in Kirkynner, William M^{c}Kie in Lybrek, John Kevan in Kirkynner, for the "wrangous" taking of his moss.

78. September 1584.—Letter of Reversion by John Kennedy, son of David Kennedy of Knockdow, to Sir Patrick Waus of the lands of Glenhoull, on repayment of 500 merks. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhony, George Murray, y^{r} of Brochtoun, Gilbert Ross, and William Campbell, notary.

79. 27th September 1584.—Discharge by Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie and Helen Waus to the right worshipful Mr Patrick Wauss, and renunciation by them of all claims in consideration of "certain

infeftments, sums of money, divers other gratitudes and good deeds," done and paid to them by the said Mr Patrick. Witnesses—Archibald M^{c}Kye of Mertoun, Alex^{r} M^{c}Dowgall in Carsuall (or Carsnaw), Archibald Cant, burgess in Edinburgh; Duncan M^{c}Kye, burgess of Whithorn, John M^{c}Goun, Provost of Whithorn; and William Campbell, connotaris.

80. 23d April 1585.—Contract between Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean, Tutor of Cassillis, and Sir Patrick Waus anent the lands of Achaltan and Glenalla, narrating that John, Earl of Cassillis, as heir to his father, is surety for John Hamilton, commendator of Aberbrothwick, and Claud Hamilton, commendator of Paisley, for £5000, part of a sum of £40,000 now claimed by James, Earl of Arran; and that Sir Patrick has borrowed 2000 merks from Mr John Sharp for relief of the Earl of Cassillis, and paid the sum to Sir Thomas the Tutor. That he has become liable to Mr John Sharp for the £5000, and has infeft him in his whole lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass. Wherefore Sir Thomas engages to infeft Sir Patrick in his lands of Achaltan and Glenalla. Witnesses—George Kennedy of Glenmuk (?), George Stewart, servitor to the said Tutor; David Kennedy, servitor to the said Mr Patrick; and John Kennedy, notar; together with William Baird of Dalduff.

81. 28th May 1585.—Contract of Wadset of the lands of Prestrie Sir Patrick Waus to Capt^{n} Thomas Foster, with back tack thereof to Sir Patrick. Witnesses—John Ahannay, Provost of Wigtown; Mr W^{m} M^{c}Gown, commissary thereof; James Creichtoun, "pursevant;" and Alex^{r} Craufurd in Gargarow.

82. 9th June 1585.—Contract between Sir Patrick Waus and Helen Waus and Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie, her spouse, in which Sir Pat^{k} states that, not willing to defraud the said Helen (whom he calls both his cousin and his "ant," though she was his niece), and her two bairns, John and Walter M^{c}Kie, he constitutes them his successors in a 19 year tak, which he has obtained from Andrew, Master of Ochiltree, and Margarete, Mistress of Ochiltree, his mother, of the lands of Whitehills. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhany, David Kennedy, son to William Kennedy of Monunsioun; Thomas Waus, John Kennedy, son to Thom Kennedy of Barzerrak; and W^{m} Dunbar in Culmalzocht.

83. 9th June 1585.—Charter of Balsier by Alex^{r} M^{c}Kie, with consent of Helen Waus his wife, in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Patrick Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, Alex^{r} Hannay of Sorbie, Archibald M^{c}Kie of Myretoun, Gilbert Gordon of Polmallart.

84. 23d June 1585.—Instrument of Sasine in the lands of Balsier in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Robert Maxwell in

Garrarie, Alex[r] Waus, bailie and burgess of Whithorn, Adam Cathcart, Arthur Braidfute in Stenyok, David Kennedy, son of W[m] Kennedy of Carinegawin, Michael M[c]Craithir in Barmowling, Thomas Dungalsoun, and John M[c]Gowyne, provost (preposito) of Whithorn.

85. 26th June 1585.—Charter by Robert Forester, commissary of Kirkcudbright, and vicar of Kirkcormok, of the Kirkland of Kirkcormok, countersigned by Adam, Bishop of Orkney. Witnesses—Thomas Forester, John Forester, Thomas M[c]Kremein, burgess of Kirkcudbright, and William Ramsay of Sypland.

86. 23d February 1585-6.—Gift by King James VI. of the lands of Arborg to James Makcartney, keeper of the rolls, "in consideration of gude, trew, and faythfull service done to ws be our daylie serviture."

87. 8th October 1586.—Charter by Mr Patrick Waus and Dame Catherine Kennedy his spouse of the lands of Barnbarroch in favour of Mr John Sharp of Houstoun, referring to obligations signed on 10th April and 25th May 1585 (see No. 80). On the back is a discharge by Mr John Sharp for 2500 merks paid by Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean on behalf of Sir Patrick Waus, dated the 14th March 1590-1. Sir Patrick's signature has been carefully cut out. His seal is perfect. Witnesses to the charter—William M[c]Kie in Lybrek; Thomas Kennedy in Barzarok; W[m] Mwyr, Tutor of Carnfeild; and George M[c]Dowell in Kerewalcop. Witnesses to discharge—Master James Scharp; my son; John Sebirogie, and James Reidheuch, my servitors; and Thomas Waus, servant to the Lord of Barnbarroch.

88. 8th October 1586.—Instrument of Sasine on the above. Witnesses—W[m] Muir (Mwyr), tutor of Cairnfield; William Waus, Vicar of Longcastle; George M[c]Dowell in Kerewalcok; and William Muir in Mylntoun.

89. 3d January 1586-7.—Contract and Disposition of several lands and crofts belonging to the Priory of Whithorn by the Countess of Murray, feuar of the same, to John Waus, son to Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch. Witnesses—Jon Stewart, elder; James Stewart, younger; James Done; Mr Rob[t] Flescheour, servitor to James, Earl of Murray; Adam Cathcart, Thomas Waus, and Arch[d] Mure, servitors to Sir Patrick Waus.

90. 21st February 1586-7.—Summons Sir P. Waus against John Wallace of Dundonald, reciting contract between them, dated 5th November 1584, which names umquhile Dame Catherine Stewart Lady Garlies his spouse.

91. 18th April 1587.—Instrument of Sasine of the lands of Glenalloway in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—James Lockhart in Auchaltoun, John Lockhart his son, Alexander

Kennedy in Balm^{t} mertene, John Adam, servant to John Kennedy of Bogend; and Andrew M^{c}Ilwrayth, servant to Gilbert Ross, notary of Glasgow.

92. 1587.—Gift of the commendatorship of Crossraguel to John Waus, eldest son of Sir Patrick Waus, with the King's signature, but no date except the year, and seems to be a draft.

93. Receipts by David Reid for interest due to him, 16th July 1585 and 19th August 1587. Witnesses—John Crauford, son to John Crauford in Schaw; Thomas Reid in Madlandis, and Adam Cathcart, servitor to Sir Patrick Waus; David Kennedy, Robert Power, and David Bordland.

94. 28th January 1586-7, and 3d February 1587-8.—Extract from Acts of Council in action Sir Patrick Waus against George M^{c}Calmont for violent and maisterful spoliation of Catharine M^{c}Crackane in the lands of Glenhoull.

95. 28th January 1587-8. Decreet for violent profits, Sir Patrick Waus against Ninian Douglas in Apilbie. On the back is written, "This haill decreit extendis for the 3 yeris bypast to the soume of nyne hundyrreth & xxx libis."

96. 29th March 1588.—Mutual Obligation signed by Sir Andrew Agnew anent persons guilty of theft in the lands of Mochrum Loch. Witnesses—John Kennedy of Barquhouny (Barwhanny) Quintin Bryd of Accrochthir, and Alex^{r} gnew (Agnew) in Challoche.

97. 11th August 1588.—Charter by George Douglas of St Germains of the lands of Borg to Sir Patrick Waus. G. Douglas' charter was given by the Earl of Morton 20th March 1578-9, and of new gift by the king on 26th May 1581. Witnesses—David Kennedy, servant to Sir Patrick Waus; John Williamson, servant of John Henryson, writer; and James Wilson, servant to the said George Douglas.

98. 17th October 1588.—Contract between Alex^{r} Stewart of Garlies and John Waus, son to Sir Patrick Waus of Barnbarroch, fiar of the patronage of the parish church of Penningham; by which the former, heritable feuar of the "Freirmeill" (Friar meal) of certain lands, "extending in the haill to threscoir sextene bollis freirmeill," freely resigns his right to it to the latter, and he, as feuar and franctenementar of the patronage of the parish kirk of Penningham, resigns it. Witnesses—Myretoun, John Maxwell, John Ahannay, Gavin Dunbar, Michael M^{c}Crakan, notary.

99. 29th November 1589.—Instrument of resignation of the lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass, and the patronages of Kirkinner, Kirkcowan, and Colmonell, into the hands of the King, and re-grant by him at Upslo, "in cubiculo Regis," to Sir Patrick. Witnesses—Sir John Maitland of Thirlestane, Chancellor of Scotland; Sir Louis Bellenden of Auchnoule, Lord Justice-

Clerk; William Wallace, Minister of Failfurde; Mr George Young, Archdeacon of St Andrews; Mr Peter Young of Setoune, Master Elemosinar; and Mr John Skene, advocate; Adam Matheson, notary public of the diocese of Glasgow.

100. 30th November 1589.—Charter of confirmation by King James VI. of the lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass, and the Patronages of Kirkinner, Kirkcowan, and Colmonell, to Sir Patrick Waus, dated at Upslo in Norway.

19th March 1589-90.—Contract between Sir Pat^{k} Waus and James Kennedy of Monnunsioun, and David Kennedy, his brother german, obliging them to procure from Gilbert Kennedy, sone to the late John Kennedy of Monnunsioun, a disposition to Sir Patrick of an annual rent due furth of the lands of Barquhanny. Witnesses—Robert Power, Thomas and John Waus, servitors to the Laird of Barnbarroch, and William Stevin.

101. List of the "Duties and Mails" due by Sir Pat^{k} Waus to Sir Alex^{r} Stewart of Garlies out of his lands in the Priory of Whithorn for the years 1585-6-7-8-9 and 1590, "Totalis of the haill teyndis threttein hundreth fiftie li."

102. 25th June 1590.—Gift of a pension vacant by the death and bastardy of John Dunbar out of Barquhanny.

103. 18th August 1590.—Charter by Lord Setoun of the lands of Clauchrie and Clutach in favour of Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Mr Walter Ogilvie, Alex^{r} Gordon, John Waus (appeirand).

104. 18th August 1590.—Instrument of Sasine of the above. Witnesses—Henry Halthorne in Meikle Airies, Adam Murray, Ar^{d} Muir, Thomas and Alex^{r} Waus, servitors to Sir Patrick; and Alex^{r} Gordoun, son to Mr Roger Gordoun of Balcray.

105. 3d August 1591.—Inhibition, Sir Patrick Waus against Simon Fergusson, younger of Kilkerran, upon a contract of sale of the lands of Lybrek.

106. 12th August 1591.—Charter by the King in favour of Sir Patrick Waus and his heirs male of the lands of Barnbarroch and Barglass, and the patronages of Kirkinner, and Kirkcowan, and Colmonell, as in former charters; also of the patronage of Wigtown, and of the lands of Bar, Carhullock, Mylnetoune, Elrig, Dririe, Carsdougan, Drumnescat, Djrrieblair, Altekay, Skerth, Little Druchtag Clontagboyes, Bordland of Longcastle, Culgary, Arrengylschi, Caponehauch, Fortypenny Land, Drumjargane, Sleuhuburne, creating them all into the Barony of Barnbarroch.

107. 12th August 1591.—Precept of Sasine on the above.

108. 4th January 1591-2.—Instrument of Sasine on the same. Witnesses—Henry Hauthorne of Aires; Patrick Wawss in Kildarrath; John Muir, clerk, of Edinburgh; John Kennedy

in Slewhubert, and John Stewart in Barnbarroch; Michael Cochrane, clerk of diocese of Glasgow, notary public.

109. 9th October 1592.—Tack of Culmalzie and the Mill there, to William Dunbar and Catherine Muir, his spouse. Witnesses —W^{m} Gordon of Creauchlaw; Alex^{r} Bailze, appeirand of Blairschynoch and younger in Mekill Dunragat; Alex^{r} and Thomas Waus, servants.

110. 28th October 1592.—Precept of Sasine by Sir Patrick Waus and John Waus, his son, of half of the five merk land of Craigilmine, in favour of Malcolm Baillie in Arbrog. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Baillie in Blairshinnoch; Henry Haulthorne of Meikle Airies; Alex^{r} Haulthorne, his son; Alex^{r} Gordon, brother-german of William Gordon of Crachlaw.

111. 30th November 1592.—Agreement between Sir Patrick Waus, as yconomus and coadjutor to his son John, commendator of Corsraguel, and John, Earl of Cassillis, anent the crops of 1593 and 1594. Witnesscs—Gilbert Ross, William Stevin, Mr William Scot, and Gilbert Kennedy.

112. 17th April 1593.—Tack of the Parsonage and Vicarage Teinds of Longaster (Longcastle), by John Young, parson and vicar thereof, to Sir Patrick Waus. He names his predecessor umquhile Sir Nichol Dougalsone. Witnesses—Alex^{r} Gordon, Thomas Vaus, and Patrick M^{c}Kie, servitors to Sir Patrick.

113. 24th April 1593.—Inquest by which William Kennedy of Barwhanny was served heir to his father John, and his grandfather Hew, Kennedy; Sir Patrick Waus was his tutor. The jury were—Patrick M^{c}Kie of Larg; George Murray of Brochton; Alex^{r} Gordon, tutor of Crauchlaw; John M^{c}Dowell of Logan; Symon M^{c}Cryistine of Clonsche; William Kennedy of Gillespick; Harie Halthorne of Airies; Johne Gordon in Cwill (?); Robert Maxwell in Garrerie; Robert Stewart of Castnestag (Carsnestock); W^{m} Campbell of Kerintray; William Fleming of Crauchdow; Robert Gordon of Barnerreny; James Tuedie of Ganoch; John M^{c}Kie of Drumboy.

114. 23d June 1593.—Precept of Sasine by Malcolm Fleming of the lands of Baldinsmith to Sir P. Waus. Witnesses—Robert Fleming in Ballocht; John Stark, burgess of Edinburgh; Alex^{r} Gordon, apparent of Balcray; Andrew M^{c}Nekle (M'Nichol ?), servitor to the said Alex^{r}.

115. 13th October 1593.—Infeftment anent the Sasine of Balsmith. Witnesses—Rob^{t} Maxwell of Rispein and Craig; James M^{c}Culloch; John Gowyn of Skeath; and Peter M^{c}Ilwyane, notary public.

116. 22d October 1593.—Charter of the Barony of Etoun, by Thos. M^{c}Clellan of Bomby to Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Mr Archibald M^{c}Clellane, George M^{c}Cartney, servants to Bomby; and Charles Dwn (?) in Stewarton; and James Meikill, notary.

117. 15th November 1593.—Instrument of Sasine of Sir Patrick

Waus in the Barony of Etoun. Witnesses—Thomas and Alex^{r} Wawss, servants of Sir Patrick; John Waws of Fornoch; Patrick Waws in Kildarrach; and Charles Dwne in Stewarton; Michael Cochrane, clerk and notary.

118. 27th November 1593.—Contract of Wadset between Sir Patrick Waus and John Stewart of Croscherie; 600 merks on Keryquhillard (now Airiequhillart). Witnesses—William M^{c}Crystine and William Nisbet. [Imperfect.]

119. 4th April 1594.—Sasine of Craigilmine in favour of Malcolm Baillie in Arbrog. Witnesses—Symone Symsone [illegible] in Kirkynner, Michael Coltran in Lie Manyss of Whithorn, Henry Milhanche in Craigilmeyn, Patrick M^{c}Crackan there, and Christopher M^{c}Gowyne in Whithorne.

120. 20th June 1594.—Precept of Sasine of Craigdow, William Fleming to Sir Patrick Waus. (Not signed or witnessed.)

121. 12th July 1594.—Decreet obtained by Sir Pat^{k} Waus and his second son Patrick against Thomas Kennedy of Bargany, for delivering a letter of reversion of the lands of Lybrek, to which lands Barnbarroch had irredeemable right from Simon and Bernard Fergusson of Kilkerran, elder and younger.

122. 20th August 1594.—Registered Bond by Thomas M^{c}Clellane of Orchardton to Sir Patrick Waus for 80 merks yearly, so long as he shall possess and occupy the half thereof. Witnesses—Bomby, Gelston, William Houston of Cotreoch.

123. 17th October 1594.—Bond by Sir Patrick Waus to W^{m} Houstoun of Cuttreoch, who married Sir Patrick's daughter Catherine, for £100 a year. Witnesses—Thomas and John Waus, Alex^{r} Halthorne, W^{m} Nisbet.

124. 9th November 1594.—Summons to Andrew Agnew, Sheriff of Wigtown, to deliver to Sir Patrick Waus his service as heir to his granduncle, George, late Bishop of Galloway.

125. 19th February 1594-5.—Sasine of Temple lands of Whithorn parish to Sir Patrick Waus. Witnesses—Patrick and John M^{c}Crerie in Prestorie; Niniane Torntoun, [[1]] in the burgh of Whithorn; and Patrick M^{c}Kay, clerk of the same.

126. 23d October 1595.—Instrument of Sasine of the 40 penny land of Capenoch in favour of John Mwlene. Witnesses—John Edzar in Capanach, John M^{c}Kee in Barveranach (?), Robert Anderson there, Thomas M^{c}Lowe in [illegible], Gilbert Mulligane in Barvaranach.

127. 10th November 1595.—Instrument of Sasine by John, Fifth Earl of Cassillis, in favour of Sir Patrick Waus and Catherine Kennedy, his spouse, of the lands of Caskrewth, Nether Sinniness, Glenhoull, Dirvairds, Barschangane, Derskilbene, and Dernanie. Witnesses—William Dunbar in Culmalzo; Andrew Lindsay in Furdland of Machrimoir; John Waus, apparent of Barnbarrach; Gilbert Bailzie in Barschangand; and Walter Cowltart in Caskrewth.

[1] degen, as written, but there may be two contractions.

128. 22d November 1595.—Charter by Robert Forester to Robert Gordon, son of the late James Gordon of Barnbarroch, of the kirkland of Kirkcormock. Witnesses—Thomas M'Clellane, apparent of Balmangane; Gilbert M^{c}Clellane of Gretnay; John M^{c}Kie, notary public.
129. 1595.—Unsigned Procuratory of Resignation, James M^{c}Cartney to Sir Patrick Waus of the lands of Arbrog.
130. 13th December 1595.—Contract between Sir Patrick Waus and James M^{c}Cartney, whereby the latter sells to Sir Pat^{k} the lands of Arbrog and Craiglemine, and Sir Pat^{k} is to infeft him in an annual rent of eight score merks out of Barnbarroch. John Arnott, merchant in Edinburgh, cautioner for M^{c}Cartney. Witnesses—Mr Thomas Hammilton, William M^{c}Crystene, Zacharie Macgill, William Nisbet, Mr James Hammilton, Mr Johne Schrogie.
131. 5th May 1596.—Charter by William M'Culloch of Myretoun to Sir Patrick Waus and his third son Robert of an annual rent of 606 merks, 6 shillings, and eightpence, out of the barony of Myretoun, extending to 40 merk land of old extent. Witnesses—John Waus, younger of Barnbarroch; George M^{c}Culloch in Arihaman; William Fleming de Crachdow; James Glover, notary public; and William Nisbet, servant to Sir P. Waus.
132. 5th July 1596.—Charter under the Great Seal of the lands of Knockan, Clutage, Kildarrauch, Kerewalcoke, Kirrebrewyne, Arborg, in favour of Sir Patrick Waus and his son John and his heirs, failing whom, to his second, third, and fourth sons, Patrick, Robert, and Alexander, etc., etc. Witnesses—John Lord Hamilton and Aberbrothok; George Earl Marischall; Lord Keith; Mr John Lindsay, parson of Menmore, secretary; Sir Richard Cokburne, younger of Clerkingtoun, Keeper of Our Privy Seal; Mr John Skene, clerk of the Council; Sir John Cokburne of Ormistoun, Lord Justice Clerk; and Mr William Scott of Grangemure, Director of "Chancellorie."
133. 12th October 1596.—Instrument of Sasine following on the above. Witnesses—Robert Lindsay, burgess of Whithorn; Patrick M'Crerie in Prestorie; John M'Culloch in Kerebrwyne; John Kennedy, Thomas Waus, and Patrick M^{c}Kie, servants to Sir P. Waus.
134. 24th July 1596.—Confirmation signed by King James VI. to Elizabeth Wauss, spouss to John Shaw of Sornbeg, of the lands of Sornbeg; countersigned, Blantyre, treasurer; Culluthy; Mr Almussart (?).
135. The taxt roll of the bailliere of Carrik. "The landis within Carrik perteining to my lord of Cassillis, quhilk he haldis of the kingis majesty by [beside] kirklandis extendis to ij^{c} Lxxxvij li, vj shillings, and viij pence." [Undated.]

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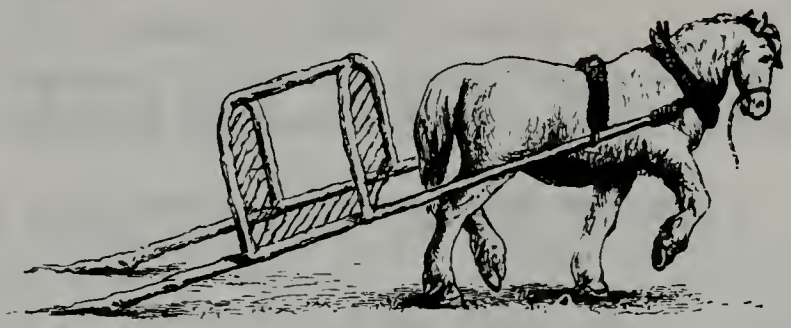

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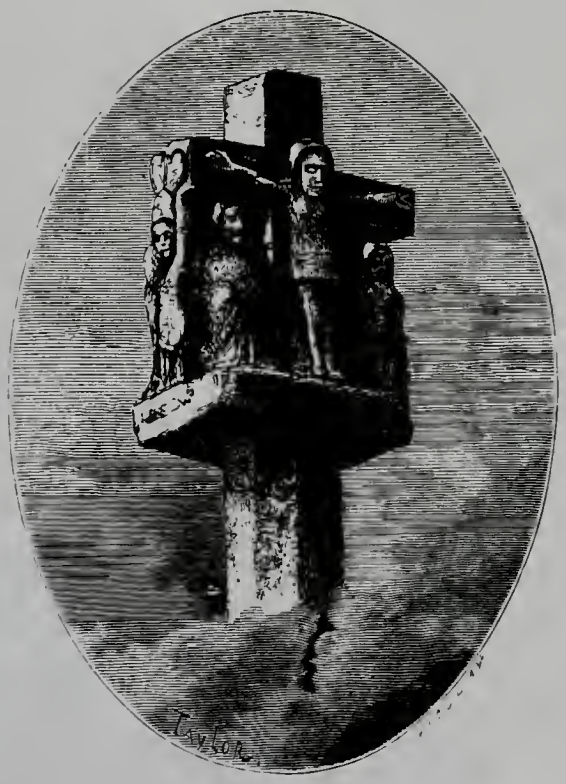

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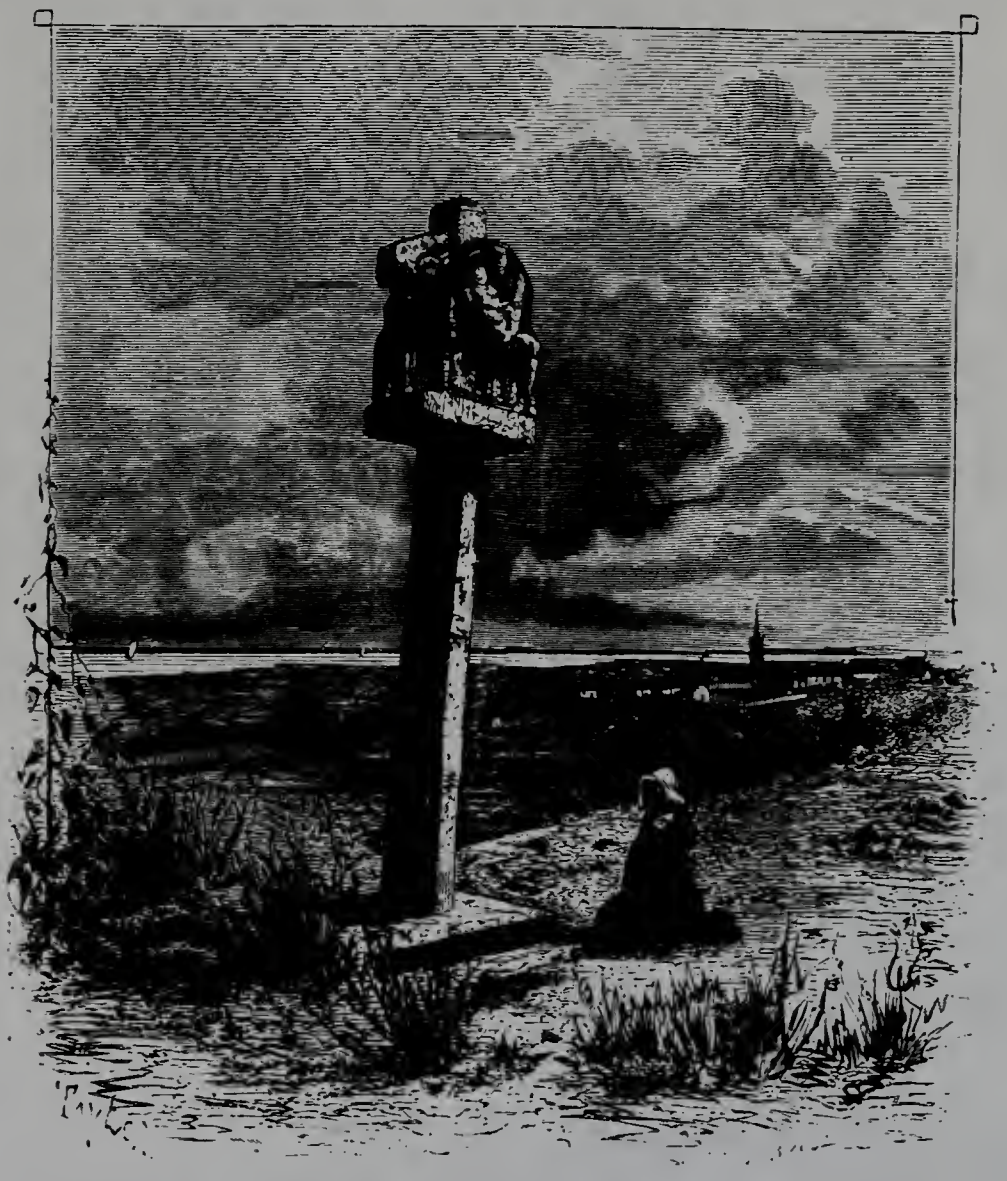

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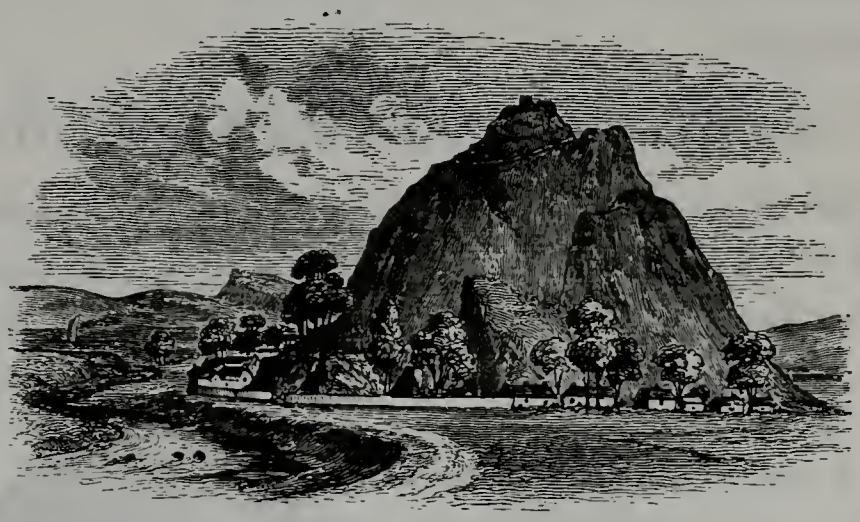

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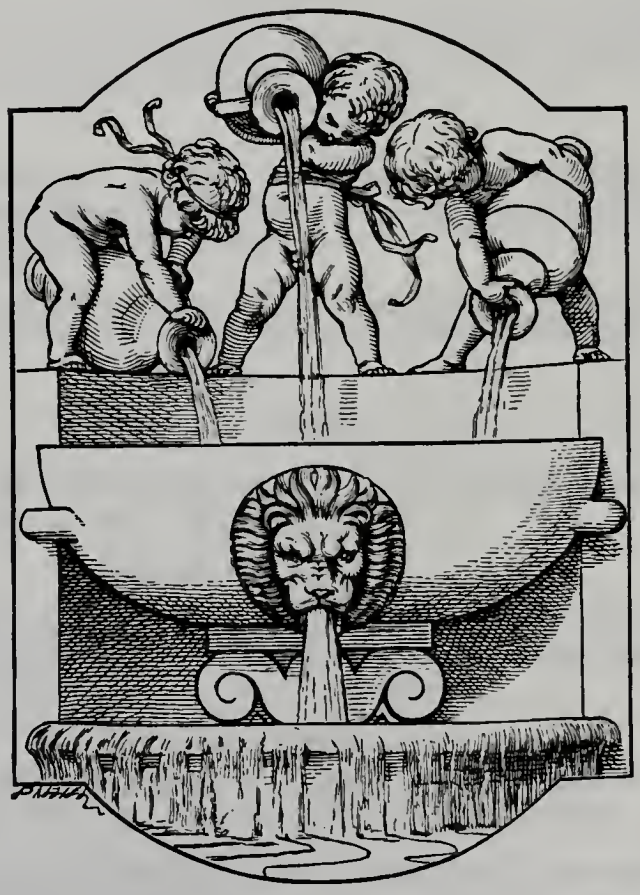

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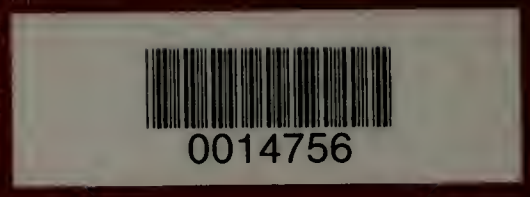
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